



A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS:

We extend a warm welcome from Bethel Presbyterian Church!

We invite you to participate in signing the Friendship Folders adding your name and address and if you desire a church newsletter or a pastoral call.

When we pray the Lord's Prayer, we say "sins...sin against us" rather than "debts..." or "trespasses..."

Prayer requests can be noted on the cards provided in the pew racks and placed in the offering plate.

**The Service for the Lord's Day
Bethel Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
7th Sunday after Epiphany
February 20, 2022 - 11:00 AM**

** Indicates congregation standing if able. Parents with infants may remain seated.
Congregational responses indicated in bold.*

GATHERING AND GREETING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the Friendship Pad found in your pew, passing it down the pew then back.

Prelude

Call to Worship (*L = Leader, P = People*)

L: We gather, as God's people, bringing our fears and pain,
knowing that when our spirits have grown cold,

P: God rekindles the gift of faith in us.

L: We gather, as God's people,
hanging our broken hearts on the branches of the tree of life,
knowing that while friends may turn against us,

P: God transforms enemies into sisters and brothers.

L: We gather, as God's people, hungering for healing and hope,
knowing that even when life is no picnic,

P: God prepares a feast for us.

Prayer of Invocation

Holy God, Creator of Life, you call us out of our dark places, offering us the grace of new life. When we see nothing but hopelessness, you surprise us with the breath of your spirit. Call us out of our complacency and routines, set us free from our self-imposed bonds, and fill us with your spirit of life, compassion and peace. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

*The God of A-braham praise, who reigns en-throned a-bove,
the An-cient of E-ter-nal Days, the God of love!
The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con-fessed,
we bow be-fore your ho-ly name, for-ev-er blest.*

*Your spir-it still flows free, high surg-ing where it will.
In proph-et's word you spoke of old and you speak still.
Es-tab-lished is your law, and change-less it shall stand,
deep writ up-on the hu-man heart by your strong hand.*

*Your good-ly land we seek, with peace and plen-ty blest,
a land of sa-cred lib-er-ty and Sab-bath rest.
There milk and hon-ey flow, and oil and wine a-bound,
and trees of life for-ev-er grow with mer-cy crowned.*

*You have e-ter-nal life im-plant-ed in the soul;
your love shall be our strength and stay, while a-ges roll.*

*We praise you, liv-ing God! We praise your ho-ly name:
the first, the last, be-yond all thought, and still the same!*

* Call to Confession

Our faith has been placed in our hands by those who came before us.
We know we have not always done what we ought to have done.
Let us lift our prayers
to the One who is always ready to grant us forgiveness.

* Prayer of Confession

We stand before you in this moment, Listening God,
and state what you already know.
Our cheeks are carved with the tears of the pain we have caused.
Our hearts are too empty we cannot comfort others.
Our desires have taken us to places
where we cannot sing your praises.

God of Mercy, forgive us.

Plant a tiny seed of hope that it might grow into a bouquet for others.

Increase our faith until it spills over in thanksgiving to you.

**Fill us with the love that overwhelms all our complaints
and rekindles our desire to follow faithfully Jesus Christ,
our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

* Assurance of Pardon (*L = Leader, P = People*)

L: While our failures and frailty are fresh,
God's grace has been ours before time began.
This is great news - we are forgiven.

P: God plants the seed of faith deep within us,
growing a harvest of grace and hope.

**Thanks be to God,
who has given us the promise of life in Christ Jesus our Lord!
Amen.**

* Sung Response No. 581 “**GLORY BE TO THE FATHER**”

GLORIA PATRI

*Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son,
and to the Ho-ly Ghost;
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be,
world with-out end. A-men, a-men.*

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

O Wisdom Divine, just as you inspired the mothers of our faith
grant us your knowledge and discernment
so that we can learn how to be clever in our compassion
and courageous in our faith, through Christ and in the Spirit. Amen.

Readings from Scripture

Torah Exodus 1:8-22 (*The Israelites Are Oppressed*) Pg. 47

Epistle 2 Timothy 1:1-14 (*Thanksgiving and Encouragement*) Pg. 199

Sermon: “It Takes a Village”

The Reverend Susan Reisinger

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* Affirmation of Faith

**Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of all creation.**

**For in him all things in heaven and on earth were created:
things visible and invisible,
whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers;
all things have been created through him and for him.**

He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

And he is the head of the body, the church;

**he is the beginning, the firstborn from among the dead,
so that he might come to have first place in everything.**

**For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things,
whether on earth or in heaven,
by making peace through the blood of his cross.**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Call to Offering

With our family of faith let us join to offer our gifts and ourselves to God.

Offertory

* Hymn No. 606 **“PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW”**

*Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow;
praise him, all crea-tures here be-low;
praise him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host;
praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.*

* Prayer of Dedication

Bless the Lord for all good gifts!

As we have offered our gifts,

we pray that you use them to touch others with your love.

THE SENDING FORTH

* Hymn No. 47 **“BLESS ALL WHO TRUST IN GOD”**

RAIN DOWN

*Bless all who trust in God
and walk with-in God's ways;
bless ev-ery soul whose hap-pi-ness
springs from the Lord's own praise!*

*Let fam-i-lies be strong
and spar-kle bright as wine;
let part-ners and let chil-dren thrive
and flour-ish like the vine!*

*And since we may not boast
such joys are ours by right,
teach us, good Lord, to take your gifts
with thanks and with de-light.*

* Benediction

* Sung Response No. 744 **“ARISE, YOUR LIGHT IS COME!”**

*A-rise your light is come! The Spir-it’s call o-bey;
show forth the glo-ry of your God, which shines on you to-day.*

* Postlude

Guest Minister: The Reverend Susan Reisinger

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP THIS MORNING

Pianist: Judy Yeaworth

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MUSIC ATTRIBUTIONS

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Arise, Your Light Is Come!

Text: Ruth Duck, 1974

Music: William H. Walter, 1894

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“The God of Abraham Praise”

“Glory Be to the Father”

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (Doxology)

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