

Bethel Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
... a welcoming community.



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.)
Communion Sunday / 5th Sunday after Epiphany
February 5, 2023 - 11:00 AM**

** Indicates congregation standing if able.
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: Let your light shine!

P: We are the salt of the earth.

L: Let your light shine!

P: We are the light of the world.

L: Let your light shine!

P: Praise the Lord for the gifts that God has given us!

All: Let your light shine!

Prayer of Invocation

Let us pray:

Holy God, you gave the law

to show your people the way of righteousness.

Help us receive your commandments as grace

and live as your obedient children

that your goodness may shine through us,

to the glory of your name;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* Hymn No. 314 **“LONGING FOR LIGHT, WE WAIT IN DARKNESS”**
(CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT)

*Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness.
Long-ing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your ho-ly people,
Light for the world to see.*

(Refrain)

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the dark-ness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gath-ered to-day.*

*Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled.
Long-ing for hope, man-y de-spair.
Your word a-lone has power to save us.
Make us your liv-ing voice.*

(Refrain)

*Long-ing for food, man-y are hun-gry.
Long-ing for wa-ter, man-y still thirst.
Make us your bread, bro-ken for oth-ers,
Shared un-til all are fed.*

(Refrain)

*Long-ing for shel-ter, man-y are home-less.
Long-ing for warmth, man-y are cold.
Make us your build-ing, shel-ter-ing oth-ers, Walls made of liv-ing stone.*

(Refrain)

*Man-y the gifts, man-y the peo-ple,
Man-y the hearts that yearn to be-long.
Let us be ser-vants to one an-oth-er, Mak-ing your king-dom come.*

(Refrain)

* Call to Confession

Into this space we bring our weights and burdens —
the things we have done or not done, said or not said.
Trusting in God’s mercy, let us lay down those burdens before God.

* Corporate Prayer of Confession

**Patient God, it is so easy for us to miss the point.
We know how to perform righteousness;
we go to church, we donate, we volunteer,
but often we care more about how we are seen
than our faithfulness to you.
We show off our pioussness,
instead of actually sharing our food, our homes, our resources
with those in the most need.
Have mercy on us for the ways we serve ourselves,
and teach us your way, the way that leads to justice and peace.
Amen.**

* Sung Response No. 576 “LORD, HAVE MERCY”

SINGAPURA

*Lord, have mer-cy.
Christ, have mer-cy.
Lord, have mer-cy on us.*

* Declaration of Pardon

Beloved, hear the good news:
When we cry for help, God says, “Here I am!”
When we ask for mercy, God grants it freely,
longing for a closer walk with us.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

* Sung Response No. 585 “GLORY TO GOD” (Verse 1)

MACHU-PICHU

*Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high-est!
To God be glo-ry for-ev-er!
Al-le-lu-ia, A-men! Al-le-lu-ia, A-men!
Al-le-lu-ia, A-men!*

THE WORD

Children's Moment

Choral Anthem

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, open our understanding by the power of the Holy Spirit,
that as the Word is proclaimed we may receive holy wisdom
to understand the gifts you have bestowed on us.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Readings from Scripture

Wisdom	Psalm 112:1-9	<i>(Blessings of the Righteous)</i>	Pg. 532
Epistle	1 Corinthians 2:1-12	<i>(Proclaiming Christ Crucified)</i>	Pg. 156
Gospel	Matthew 5:13-20	<i>(Salt and Light)</i>	Pg. 4

Sermon: You Are Salt and Light

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* Affirmation of Faith Apostle's Creed (Trad.) Hymnal – pg. 35

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

* Hymn No. 525 **“LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER”**

LET US BREAK BREAD

*Let us break bread to-gether on our knees;
let us break bread to-gether on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the ris-ing sun,
O Lord, have mer-cy on me.*

*Let us drink wine to-gether on our knees.
let us drink wine to-gether on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the ris-ing sun,
O Lord, have mer-cy on me.*

*Let us praise God to-gether on our knees;
Let us praise God to-gether on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the ris-ing sun,
O Lord, have mer-cy on me.*

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Call to Offering

Like a spring whose waters never fail,
God calls us to share what we have received.
Let us offer ourselves and our gifts 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 heav-en-ly host;
praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.*

* Prayer of Dedication

Loving God, we give thanks for all you have given to us
and praise you for your astounding goodness.

Receive the dedication of our hearts, minds, and bodies
for the ministry of your church.

Bless our offering for the work of your kingdom,
and give us wisdom for the right use of all you have provided,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God!

They will come from east and west, and from north and south,
and sit at table in the kingdom of God.

According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples,
he took the bread, and blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.

Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him.

This is the Lord's table.

Our Savior invites those who trust him
to share the feast which he has prepared.

Great Thanksgiving (*L = Leader, P = People*)

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them up to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Praise to you, O God, for all your works.

You created the world and called it good

and made us in your image to live together in love.

You made a covenant with us,

and even when we turned from you, you remained ever faithful.

Thank you, O God, for sending us your Son.
He lived among us and told your story.
He healed the sick and welcomed sinners.
He shared our pain and died our death,
then rose again to new life that we might live,
and all creation be restored.

Remembering your boundless love revealed to us in Jesus Christ,
we break bread and share the cup,
giving ourselves to you to live for him in joy and praise.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these your gifts of bread and wine
that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ
and that we may be his body for the world.

By your Spirit unite us with Christ and one another
until we feast with him and with all your saints
in your eternal realm of justice and peace.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forevermore.
Amen.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

Lord's Prayer (*"sins ...sin against us"*)

**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.**

Words of Institution

(Breaking Bread)

The Lord Jesus on the night he was betrayed, took bread,
and after giving thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat.

This is my body, given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.

(Pouring Wine)

In the same way, Jesus took the cup, saying:

This cup is the new covenant sealed with my blood,
shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup,
you proclaim the death of the Lord, until he comes.

Brothers and sisters, the gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Distribution of the Elements

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, given for you.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Prayer after Communion

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation,
you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people.

Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit

that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world

and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

THE SENDING FORTH

* Hymn No. 296

“GO IN GRACE AND MAKE DISCIPLES”

WONDROUS LIGHT

*Go in grace and make dis-ci-ples. Bap-tize in God’s ho-ly name.
Tell of death and res-ur-rec-tion; Eas-ter’s vic-tory now pro-claim.
Christ’s com-mis-sion sends us forth to the na-tions of the earth.
Go in grace and make dis-ci-ples, mid-wives for the world’s re-birth.*

*Go and fol-low Christ’s ex-am-ple, not to van-quish, but to heal.
Mend the wounds of sin’s di-vi-sions. Ser-vant love to all re-veal.
Roles and ranks shall be re-ver-sed; jus-tice flow for all who thirst.
Go and fol-low Christ’s ex-am-ple. Forge a world of last made first.*

*Go in Pen-te-cos-tal spir-it, man-y tongues and man-y gifts.
Feed the hearts of hun-gry people. Spread the gos-pel that up-lifts.
Till the day of Christ’s re-turn, as dis-ci-ples, teach and learn.
Go in Pen-te-cos-tal spir-it: let God’s flame of wit-ness burn.*

* Benediction

Jesus said, let your light shine before others,
so that they may see your good works
and give glory to your Father in heaven.

May Christ, the true light, shine upon you,
that you may walk in righteousness all your days.

* Sung Response No. 541 **“GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN”**

*God be with you till we meet a-gain;
lov-ing coun-sels guide, up-hold you,
with a shep-herds care en-fold you:
God be with you till we meet a-gain.*

* Postlude

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