



SALT & LIGHT

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.)
5th Sunday after Epiphany
February 6, 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: Choose the way of God:

P: Loose the bonds of injustice, let the oppressed go free!

L: Share your bread with the hungry, house the homeless poor.

P: Clothe the naked, and remember that all people are our family.

L: Then your light shall rise in the darkness.

P: Let us worship God.

Prayer of Invocation

We are called to be light,

help us carry that light to the shadows of this world.

Called to be salt, help us enhance the lives of those around us with joy.

Called to live in God's reality,

teach us to welcome all as sisters and brothers in faith. Amen.

*Light dawns on a wea-ry world
when eyes be-gin to see all peo-ple’s dig-ni-ty.*

*Light dawn on a wea-ry world:
the prom-ised day of jus-tice comes.*

*The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;
the hills and moun-tains shall break forth with sing-ing!*

*We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,
as all the world in won-der ech-oes sha-lom.*

*Love grows in a wea-ry world
when hun-gry hearts find bread
and chil-dren’s dreams are fed.*

*Love grows in a weary world;
the prom-ised feast of plen-ty comes.*

*The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;
the hills and moun-tains shall break forth with sing-ing!*

*We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,
as all the world in won-der ech-oes sha-lom.*

*Hope blooms in a wea-ry world
when crea-tures, once for-lorn,
find wil-der-ness re-born.*

*Hope blooms in a wea-ry world:
the pro-mised green of E-den comes.*

*The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;
the hills and moun-tains shall break forth with sing-ing!*

*We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,
as all the world in won-der ech-oes sha-lom.*

* Call to Confession

We cannot hide our sin from God, and we dare not hide it from ourselves.
Trusting in God's bountiful generosity,
let us confess our sins and open our hearts to God.

* Prayer of Confession

**Holy One, we confess we have fallen short.
We have failed to repair the relationships we have broken.
We have not sought forgiveness where we have gone wrong.
Call us to take responsibility when we accept
the systemic sin in the world without question because it benefits us.
Guide us in Your wisdom to seek the righteous life,
to live into Your ways of justice.
In the name of Christ, who builds the reign,
who repairs the world, and who restores us to life, we pray. Amen.**

* Assurance of Pardon

God is with us. God is encouraging us.
God is there when we recognize our wrongdoings.
God is there to lift us up and restore us.
Know that you are God's beloved.
Repair what has been broken, restore what has been taken,
and do the hard work to live into God's ways.
You are not alone. We are all here on the journey with you, together.
Go and share the Good News. 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

God of extravagant grace, may your Spirit refresh our hearts
through the reading of the scriptures
that we may perceive all the good we can do for Christ
and so grow in our faith toward our Lord Jesus. Amen.

Readings from Scripture

Prophet	Isaiah 58:1-12	<i>(False and True Worship)</i>	Pg. 647
Gospel	Matthew 5:13-16	<i>(Salt and Light)</i>	Pg. 4

Sermon: "Salt and Light"

The Reverend Susan Reisinger

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* Affirmation of Faith

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**Into the silence of the void the Creator spoke,
and the world came into being.**

**The Word of God in the vastness brought
light from darkness,
matter from nothing,
flesh from dust,
life from lifelessness.**

**In the quiet of a small town in Palestine
the Word of God came to us.**

**Even though of one being with the Creator,
Jesus our Christ, taking on human form, was born,
lived and walked among us,
speaking the words of life.**

**He was crucified, died, and was buried.
He rose from the dead and speaks to us today.
He is the one who saves us from ourselves.**

**In the stillness of our souls the Spirit of God,
who is one with the Creator and the Christ,
whispers the Word,
and calls us back to the Creator,
back to the Christ,
back to the wholeness of everlasting life
in the unity of the Creator, Christ and Spirit.**

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

Open our hearts and minds to bring light to the world,
and our lives to enhance the lives of others.

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

Your generosity, Giving God, know no bounds.

Through the power of your Spirit, enliven the gifts we bring.

THE SENDING FORTH

* Hymn No. 312

“TAKE US AS WE ARE, O GOD”

ENDLESS FEAST

*Take us as we are, O God, and claim us as your own.
As once you chose to tell your love in hu-man flesh and bone,
so let our lives be used to make your sav-ing pur-pose known.*

*Bless us for your ser-vice, Lord; no pow-er we de-vice
will ev-er give us strength e-nough or make us tru-ly wise,
yet by your prom-ise we can know the peace your grace sup-plies.*

*Break us o-pen to dis-close how bro-ken-ness can heal,
wher-ev-er bro-ken loaves suf-fice to give a crowd a meal and
graves break o-pen to re-lease new life from death’s dread seal.*

*Give us to the world you love as light and silt and yeast,
that we may nour-ish in your name the last, the lost, the least,
un-til at length you call us all to your un-end-ing feast.*

* 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

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