



**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.)  
January 22, 2023 - 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: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name,

**P: Worship the Lord in holy splendor.**

L: The voice of the Lord is over the waters;

**P: The God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.**

L: The voice of the Lord is powerful,

**P: The voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

Prayer of Invocation

Let us pray:

Holy God, you sent your Son to be baptized among sinners,  
to seek and save the lost.

May we, who have been baptized in his name,  
never turn away from the world,

but reach out in love to rescue the wayward;

by the mercy of Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.

\* Hymn No. 486 “CHILD OF BLESSING, CHILD OF PROMISE”

KINGDOM

*Child of bless-ing, child of prom-ise, bap-tized with the Spir-its sign,  
with this wa-ter God has sealed you un-to love and grace di-vine.*

*Child of love, our love’s ex-pres-sion, love’s cre-a-tion, loved in-deed!  
Fresh from God, re-fresh our spir-its; in-to joy and laugh-ter lead.*

*Child of joy, our dear-est trea-sure, God’s you are, from God you came.  
Back to God we hum-bly give you: live as one who bears Christ’s name.*

*Child of God, your lov-ing Par-ent, learn to lis-ten for God’s call.  
Grow to laugh and sing and wor-ship; trust and love God more than all.*

\* Call to Confession

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just,  
will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.  
In humility and faith, let us confess our sin to God.

\* Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life,  
making us part of the body of Christ.**

**We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves,  
separated from sisters and brothers in Christ.**

**We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges,  
and show reluctance to welcome one another;  
we allow the past to hold us hostage.**

**In your loving kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin.  
Remind us of the promises you make in baptism,  
so that we may rise to new life and live together in grace.**

\* Sung Response No 575 “LORD, HAVE MERCY UPON US”

KYRIE ELEISON

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

\* Declaration of Forgiveness

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.  
I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God.

\* Sung Response

**“GLORY BE TO THE FATHER”**

Avery & Marsh, 1967

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

THE WORD

Children’s Moment

Choral Anthem

The Sacrament of Baptism: Wilder Marc Sherrod-Lewis

David: Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ:

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.  
Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,  
baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey  
everything that I have commanded you.  
And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

“There is one body and one Spirit,  
just as you were called to the one hope of your calling,  
one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all,  
who is above all and through all and in all.”

Amy: “On behalf of the Session,  
I present Wilder Marc Sherrod-Lewis to receive  
the sacrament of baptism.”

Jonathan: “In baptism God claims us, and seals us to show that we belong to God. God frees us from sin and death, and unites us with Jesus Christ in his death and resurrection. By water and the Holy Spirit, we are made members of the church, the body of Christ, and joined to Christ’s ministry of love, peace and justice. Let us remember with joy our own baptism, as we celebrate this sacrament.”

Questions posed to Alex and Hannah:

Jonathan: Do you reaffirm your faith in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love? **I do.**

David: Do you promise to continue to nurture Wilder in the Christian faith, to teach him the ways of Christ and to pray with and for him? **I do.**

Amy: Do we, as the church of Jesus Christ, promise to nurture and guide Wilder with love and prayer, encouraging him to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful a member of Christ’s church? If you do, please join me in saying “we do”. **We do.**

Jonathan: (*Prayer*)

Jonathan: (*Administer the sacrament.*)  
“Wilder Marc Sherrod-Lewis,  
I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.”

David: (*Affirmation*)  
“Wilder, you are a child of the covenant of grace,  
sealed by the Spirit in your baptism,  
you belong to God forever.”

Nancy: (*Presentation*)

“Wilder has been received into the one holy catholic and apostolic church through baptism.

God has made him a member of the household of God, to share with us in the priesthood of Christ.

We now welcome him into our congregation.

*(Take Wilder and present him to the church)*

Nancy: (*Prayer*)

Ever-living God,

in your mercy you promised to be not only our God, but also the God of our children.

We thank you for receiving Wilder by baptism.

Keep him always in your love.

Guide him as he grows in faith.

Protect him in all the dangers and temptations of life.

Bring him to confess Jesus as his Lord and Savior and to be his faithful disciple to his life’s end;

in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, by the power of your Spirit,

reveal your will to us today through your word, read and proclaimed.

Help us to understand your creative, redemptive, and consoling work,

and lead us into the world, filled with your Spirit,

to proclaim, baptize and teach in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Readings from Scripture

Wisdom Psalm 8 (*Devine Majesty and Human Dignity*) Pg. 466

Gospel Matthew 28:16-20 (*The Commissioning of the Disciples*) Pg. 32

History Acts 16:25-34 (*Paul and Silas in Prison*) Pg 128

Sermon

The Reverend Nancy Coleman

## 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.**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Gracious God, in baptism you caused us to die to sin  
and be raised to new life in Christ.

Trusting in your promises for earth and all people,  
we bring you our prayers for the world.

We pray for your church with its kaleidoscopic views of baptism,  
that it may meet the needs of all types of people.

We pray for those who suffer, that they will know your love for them,  
and that we may be bearers of your comfort.

We pray for your creation, that it may stay healthy  
and continue to nourish and nurture us.

We remember those who have gone before us  
and pray for those nearing death,  
that they may be at peace in your love for them.

In one baptism with Christ and the Holy Spirit,  
we praise you and give you thanks, Holy One,  
for giving us spirit and breath.  
And now we pray as the Lord taught us...

The Lord's Prayer (*our sins / those who 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.**

Call to Offering

The earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it,  
the world, and those who live in it.  
Let us present to God our lives and offerings,  
grateful for the gifts we have been given.

Offertory

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

\* Prayer of Dedication

Let us pray:

O God, we pray that you would use us, and what we have gathered,  
in feeding the world with your love,  
through the one who gave himself for us,  
Jesus Christ our Savior and our Lord. Amen.



## THE SENDING FORTH

\* Hymn No. 611

**“JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE”**

HYMN TO JOY

*Joy-ful, joy-ful, we a-dore thee,  
God of glo-ry, Lord of love!  
Hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee,  
o-pening to the sun a-bove.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness;  
drive the dark of doubt a-way.  
Giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness,  
fill us with the light of day.*

*All thy works with joy sur-round thee;  
earth and heaven re-flect thy rays;  
stars and an-gels sing a-round thee,  
cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.  
Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain,  
flower-y mead-ow, flash-ing sea,  
chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain,  
call us to re-joice in thee*

*Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus  
which the morn-ing stars be-gan.  
Love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us,  
join-ing all in heav-en's plan.  
Ev-er sing-ing, march we on-ward,  
vic-tors in the midst of strife.  
Joy-ful mu-sic leads us sun-ward  
in the tri-umph song of life.*

\* Charge and Benediction

We have been with Jesus to the waters of baptism,  
waters of life, waters of promise.

Go forth in the joy of life, to live as children of the promise.

And as we go,

may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all,  
now and forever more. Amen.

\* 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

## MUSIC ATTRIBUTIONS

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