

Bethel Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

~ a community of faith coming together,
for fellowship, study and service . . .
seeking God's peace, justice and love ~



The boy Samuel in the Tabernacle at Bethel

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 indicating if you desire 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,
which may be placed in the offering plate.**

**The Service for the Lord's Day
Bethel Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
January 30, 2022 – 11:00 a.m.**

** Indicates congregation standing if able.
Congregational responses indicated in bold.*

GATHERING AND GREETING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Liturgist

Prelude

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

Liturgist

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Holy Scripture declares, "God, who said,
'Let light shine out of darkness,' has shone in our hearts:

**P: to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God
in the face of Jesus Christ."**

L: The eyes of the blind shall be opened,

P: and the ears of the deaf unstopped.

L: Praise the Lord.

All: The Lord's name be praised.

Prayer of Invocation

Liturgist

Let us pray.

Startle us today, O God, with your truth,
and open our eyes and ears to your Spirit,
that we may be one with Christ our Lord,
and serve as faithful disciples, to the glory of your name.

And let the people say: **Amen.**

* Hymn No. 403

“OPEN NOW THY GATES OF BEAUTY”

UNSER HERRSCHER

*O-pen now thy gates of beau-ty, Zi-on, let me en-ter there,
where my soul in joy-ful du-ty waits for God who an-swears prayer;
O how bless-ed is this place, filled with so-lace, light and grace.*

*Gra-cious God, I come be-fore thee; come thou al-so un-to me;
where we find thee and a-dore thee, there a heaven on earth must be;
to my heart O en-ter thou; let it be thy tem-ple now.*

*Speak, O Lord, and I will hear thee; let thy will be done in-deed;
may I un-dis-turbed draw near thee, while thou dost thy peo-ple feed.
Here of life the foun-tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.*

* Call to Confession

Liturgist

Holy Scripture declares, "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."
Therefore let us bow in humble confession of our sins.

* Corporate Prayer of Confession

Liturgist

**God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world to reveal
your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the
brightness of your light. We have often turned away from the poor,
ignored cries for justice, and shunned our calling to be peacemakers.**

**In your mercy, forgive us, that, pardoned and renewed we may show
forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ.**

* Sung Response No. 551

“LORD, HAVE MERCY”

Lord, have mer-cy; Christ have mer-cy;

Lord have mer-cy up-on us.

Lord, have mer-cy; Christ have mer-cy;

Lord have mer-cy up-on us.

* Assurance of Pardon

Dr. Mounger

L: Hear the good news.

Holy Scripture declares,

"God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world,
but that the world might be saved through him."

In Christ's name I declare pardon and peace to all who repent and trust him.

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

P: **And also with you.**

* Sung Response No. 587

"ALLELUIA!"

CELTIC ALLELUIA

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Liturgist

O God, you are our strength and our redeemer.

Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts

be acceptable in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reading from Scripture

1 Samuel 3:1-12

Liturgist

Hymn No. 67

"MY SONG FOREVER SHALL RECORD"

(Psalm 89)

(Please remain seated as we sing God's Word)

*My song for-ev-er shall re-cord the ten-der mer-cies of the Lord;
your faith-ful love will I pro-claim, and ev-ery age shall know your name.*

*I sing of mer-cies that en-dure, for-ev-er firm, for-ev-er sure,
a strong sup-port that nev-er dies, es-tab-lished change-less in the skies.*

*Al-might-ty God, your loft-y throne has jus-tice for its cor-ner-stone,
and shin-ing bright be-fore your face are truth and love and bound-less grace.*

*With bless-ing is the na-tion crowned whose peo-ple know the joy-ful sound;
they in the light, O Lord, shall live, the light your face and fa-vor give.*

Reading from Scripture
I Corinthians 13:1-13

Dr. Mounger

Sermon: "De-icing Your Windshield"

The Reverend Dr. Dwyn Mounger

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* Apostle's Creed (*Sung*) No. 481 "I BELIEVE IN GOD THE FATHER"

GENEVAN

*I be-lieve in God the Fa-ther, mer-ci-ful and might-y Lord,
mak-er of the earth and heav-ens, whom we wor-ship and a-dore;
and in Je-sus Christ the Son, on-ly Sav-ior, sov-ereign one,
by the Ho-ly Spir-it giv-en, born of Mar-y, bless-ed vir-gin.*

*Un-der Pi-late, Je-sus suf-fered, faith-ful to his fi-nal breath.
He was cru-ci-fied and bur-ied, and de-scend-ed in-to death.
From the grave he did a-rise; he as-cend-ed through the skies;
now en-throned with God in heav-en, he will judge the dead and liv-ing.*

*I be-lieve in God the Spir-it, and the church in ev-ery place;
Saints in glo-ri-ous com-mu-nion, all for-giv-en, full of grace;
Flesh and blood will live a-gain; life in Christ will nev-er end.
Ho-ly Spir-it, Son and Fa-ther: I will praise your name for-ev-er.*

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Dr. Mounger

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.

Invitation to the Offering

In gratitude to God for all our blessings showered upon us in love,
let us bring now our gifts.

Offertory

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

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

* Prayer of Dedication

God of great love and grace, receive these our gifts,
and with them, our hearts and lives,
using them and us, by your Holy Spirit,
in the coming of your promised realm of eternal peace and joy
through Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE SENDING FORTH

* Hymn No. 451 “**OPEN MY EYES , THAT I MAY SEE**”

*O-pen my eyes, that I may see glimps-es of truth thou hast for me.
Place in my hands the won-der-ful key that shall un-clasp and set me free.
Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy will to see.
O-pen my eyes; il-lu-mine me, Spir-it di-vine!*

*O-pen my ears, that I may hear voic-es of truth thou send-est clear.
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev-ery-thing false will dis-ap-pear.
Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy will to see.
O-pen my ears; il-lu-mine me, Spir-it di-vine!*

*O-pen my mouth, and let me bear glad-ly the warm truth ev-ery-where.
O-pen my heart, and let me pre-pare love with thy chil-dren thus to share.
Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy will to see.
O-pen my heart; il-lu-mine me, Spir-it di-vine!*

* Charge and Benediction

Go out into the world in peace. Have courage.

Hold on to what is good. Return no one evil for evil.

Strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, help the suffering.

Honor all people.

Love and serve the Lord,

rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

And the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,

the love of God the Father,

and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit

be with and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

* Postlude



Guest Minister: The Reverend Dr. Dwyn Monger

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP THIS MORNING

Pianist: Judy Yeaworth

Sound: Adam Badger

Video: Jake Horton

MUSIC ATTRIBUTIONS

“Lord, Have Mercy”

Text: Trad. Liturgical text

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“Alleluia”

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Music: Fintan O’Carroll, 1981; harm. Christopher Walker, 1985

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“I Believe in God the Father”

Text: David Gambrell, 2009

Music: Genevan Psalter, 1551

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PUBLIC DOMAIN

“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

“My Song Forever Shall Record”

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” (Doxology)

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”