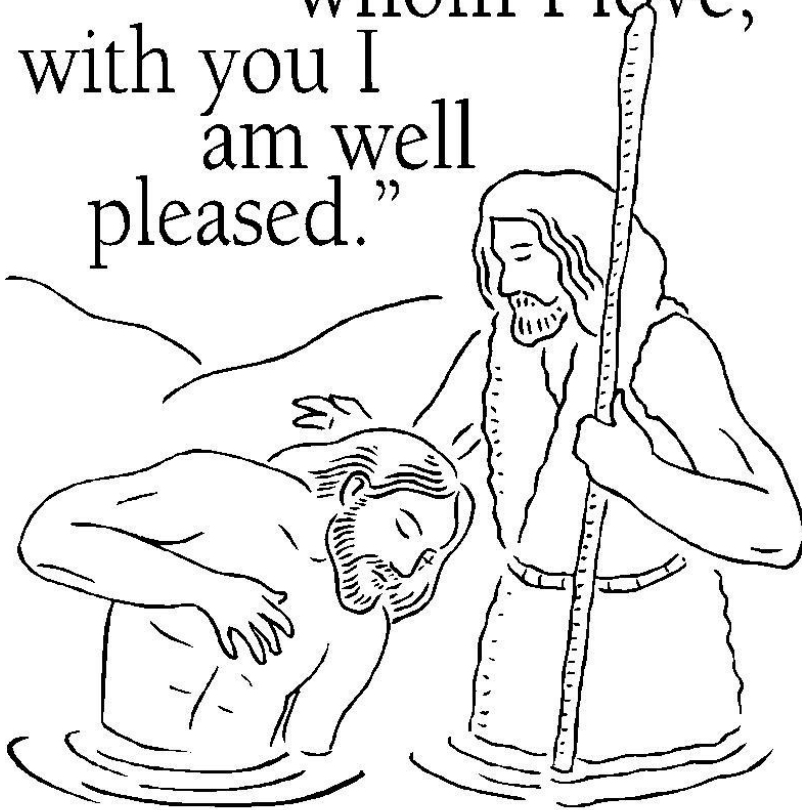


And a voice came from heaven:

“You are my Son,
whom I love;
with you I
am well
pleased.”



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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.)
Baptism of the Lord / 1st Sunday after Epiphany
January 9, 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: God is with us always and calls us each by name.

P: When we pass through difficulties and stress,

L: God is with us and calls us by name.

P: When we are discouraged and feel lost and alone,

L: God is with us and calls us by name and heals us.

P: Blessed be God who knows us and calls us by name. Amen.

Prayer of Invocation

*Shall we gath-er at the riv-er,
where bright an-gel feet have trod,
with its crys-tal tide for-ev-er
flow-ing by the throne of God?*

Refrain:

*Yes, we'll gath-er at the riv-er, the beau-ti-ful, the beau-ti-ful riv-er;
gath-er with the saints at the riv-er that flows by the throne of God.*

*On the mar-gin of the riv-er,
wash-ing up its sil-ver spray,
we will walk and wor-ship ev-er,
all the hap-py gold-en day.*

*Yes, we'll gath-er at the riv-er, the beau-ti-ful, the beau-ti-ful riv-er;
gath-er with the saints at the riv-er that flows by the throne of God.*

*Ere we reach the shin-ing riv-er,
lay we ev-ery bur-den down;
grace our spir-its will de-liv-er,
and pro-vide a robe and crown.*

*Yes, we'll gath-er at the riv-er, the beau-ti-ful, the beau-ti-ful riv-er;
gath-er with the saints at the riv-er that flows by the throne of God.*

*Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv-er,
soon our pil-grim-age will cease;
soon our hap-py hearts will quiv-er
with the mel-o-dy of peace.*

*Yes, we'll gath-er at the riv-er, the beau-ti-ful, the beau-ti-ful riv-er;
gath-er with the saints at the riv-er that flows by the throne of God.*

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

**Most faithful God, we confess that we have not always
paid much attention to the baptism of Jesus.**

We don't always see ourselves as those marked for service.

**It is easy for us to forget the promises we made
when others were baptized in our midst.**

**We know that we have behaved in very unloving ways
and in some behaviors which do not promote your love and peace.**

Forgive us for our blindness. Turn us around.

**Help us to be people who not only recognize the light,
but who are willing to live in that light, bringing help to others.**

For we pray this in the name of Jesus the Christ.

...(silent and personal confession) Amen.

* Declaration of Forgiveness

Sisters and brothers in the Lord, you are known and loved by the Creator.

You are marked as God's chosen ones to bring hope and peace to others.

Be at peace and live in hope for we have each been forgiven. 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 ever shall be,
world with-out end. Amen, amen.*

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Your word of light and hope floods into our lives, O God.

**We have come through the Christmas season and into Epiphany
awaiting our own epiphany. Our own aha moment.**

**Open our hearts this day that we may hear Your word anew
and be fed with the manna of life. Amen**

Readings from Scripture

History Acts 8:14-17 (Phillip Preaches in Samaria) Pg. 118

Gospel Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 (Proclamation of John the Baptist) Pg. 56

Sermon: "Remember Those Baptized Here"

* Affirmation of Faith

*Taken from The Brief Statement of Faith, 1991,
The Book of Confessions, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*

In life and death we belong to God.

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,**

**and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in Jesus Christ,
Fully human, fully God.**

**Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,
healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

**Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.**

**God raised Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.**

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

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

THE SENDING FORTH

* Hymn No. 488 **“I WAS THERE TO HEAR YOUR BORNING CRY”** WATERLIFE

*“I was there to hear your born-ing cry;
I'll be there when you are old.
I re-joiced the day you were bap-tized
to see your life un-fold.
I was there when you were but a child,
with a faith to suit you well;*

*in a blaze of light you wan-dered off
to find where de-mons dwell.”*

*“When you heard the won-der of the Word,
I was there to cheer you on.
You were raised to praise the liv-ing Lord,
to whom you now be-long.
If you find some-one to share your time
and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your vers-es rhyme
from dusk 'till ris-ing sun.”*

*“In the mid-dle a-ges of your life,
not too old, no lon-ger young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night,
com-plete what I've be-gun.
When the eve-ning gent-ly clos-es in,
and you shut your wea-ry eyes,
I'll be there as I have al-ways been
with just one more sur-prise.”*

*“I was there to hear your born-ing cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I re-joiced the day you were bap-tized,
to see your life un-fold.”*

* 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

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