



**“See, I am
setting a
plumb
line in
the
midst
of my
people
Israel ...”**

Amos 7:8, NRSV

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 in Ordinary Time
July 10, 2022 - 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*)

(*Luke 10:27-28*)

L: Love the Lord your God,

**P: with all your heart, and with all your soul,
and with all your strength, and with all your mind!**

L: Love your neighbor as yourself,

**P: with all your heart, and with all your soul,
and with all your strength, and with all your mind!**

L: Do this and you will live!

P: Let us worship God!

Prayer of Invocation

Holy God, you call us to live out your justice and righteousness.

Help us this day to walk in your footsteps, so that we never lose our way.

Enable us to live and love in the way that you have taught us,
so that we can act in grace

even with those who we consider our enemies.

In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

*Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has led us through the a-ges long!
In bold ac-cord, come cel-e-brate the jour-ney now and praise the Lord!*

*Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns su-preme,
Em-power-ing us to catch the vi-sion, dream the dream!
In bold ac-cord, come cel-e-brate the jour-ney now and praise the Lord!*

*Let cour-age be our friend; let wis-dom be our guide,
as we in mis-sion mag-ni-fy the Cru-ci-fied!
In bold ac-cord, come cel-e-brate the jour-ney now and praise the Lord!*

*Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has tri-umphed o'er the a-ges long!
In bold ac-cord, come cel-e-brate the jour-ney now and praise the Lord!*

* Call to Confession

(Psalm 82:2)

The Psalmist asks a question: how long?
How long will we live unjustly and show partiality,
instead of loving as God has loved us?
Trusting in that love, let us confess our transgressions to the Lord.

* Corporate Prayer of Confession

(Psalm 82)

**Holy God, we are your sons and daughters,
descendants of the God most high,
yet, we do not behave to honor you
and our actions belittle the love you have for us.
We do not defend the weak or those without fathers or mothers.
We do not uphold the poor and the oppressed.
We do not commit to efforts to rescue the weak and the needy;
we sometimes deliver them into solitude and neglect.
Rise up to judge us, O God.
We prefer your merciful justice, than living with guilt and fear.
Straighten our path, so that we can be guided
as a mother or a father guides beloved children. Amen.**

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

SINGAPURA

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

* Assurance of Pardon (L = Leader, P = People)

L: The triune God’s unconditional love
does not seek appearances or conditions,
but loves in such a way that we are restored to health and to wholeness.

P: Thanks be to God! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

* 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

Children’s Moment

Musical Interlude

Prayer for Illumination

Let us pray:

Holy God, this is the time when we quiet our hearts and our minds,
to pay attention – to really pay attention –
to what you have to say to us today.

Fill us with your Word, and give us understanding by your Holy Spirit,
that having heard your Word, we may live lives worthy of you
and please you in every way. Amen.

Readings from Scripture

Wisdom	Psalm 82	(A Plea for Justice)	Pg. 512
Gospel	Luke 10:25-37	(The Parable of the Good Samaritan)	Pg. 67
Prophet	Amos 7:7-17	(Locusts, Fire, and a Plumb Line)	Pg. 806

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* Affirmation of Faith

Hymnal pg. 37, Sections 3

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

**We trust in God,
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image
male and female, of every race and people,
to live as one community.
But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.
Ignoring God's commandments,
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,
accept lies as truth,
exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.
We deserve God's condemnation.
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.
In everlasting love,
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
to bless all families of the earth.
Hearing their cry,
God delivered the children of Israel
from the house of bondage.
Loving us still,
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

God of justice, work your will in our world.

Free us, O God, to speak your word in a world that needs to listen to you.

Greed has overtaken the land

and ambition has taken the place of the values you expect from us.

Iniquity has taken hold, making the rich richer and the poor poorer.

Give us your voice, that your church can serve as shepherd,

guiding your people to your will for the world.

God of Compassion, work your will in our world.

Free us, O God, to tend to those who are weak and needy.

You always care especially for those abandoned or rejected;

for the sick, women, children, widows.

Give us eyes to recognize them in our midst:

people without legal immigration documents;

people in abusive relationships;

those who live in the shadows of fear and indifference;

use us to deliver them, with your guiding help,

from all that would harm or oppress.

God of impartiality, work your will in our world.

Free us, O God, from asking, "Who is our neighbor?"

Take pity on us, that we might show compassion;

anoint us and bandage our wounds,

that we might do the same for those in need.

Carry us, and give us strength to carry others.

Heal your aching world, we pray and use us to work out our will.

And now as Jesus has taught us, we are bold to pray together:

The Lord's Prayer (*sin / sin against us*)

Hymnal pg. 35

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

As a redeemed people, we live for giving thanks!
We understand that everything we do and everything we have,
comes from God, whose unconditional love lifts us up each day.
Let us continue our thanksgiving with grateful hearts,
by giving of what God has provided.

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

Thank you, God: you are our soil, our food, our water, our sun,
everything we need to grow.
We offer these gifts to you, asking for your direction,
as we work each day so that your kingdom of light
becomes more and more a reality in this world. Amen.

THE SENDING FORTH

* Hymn No. 307 “GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY”

CWM RHONDDA

*God of grace and God of glo-ry,
on thy peo-ple pour thy power;
crown thine an-cient chur-ch's sto-ry;
bring its bud to glo-rious flower.
Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age,
for the fac-ing of this hour,
for the fac-ing of this hour.*

*Lo! the hosts of e-vil round us
scorn thy Christ, as-sail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us,
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age,
for the liv-ing of these days,
for the liv-ing of these days.*

*Cure thy chil-dren's war-ring mad-ness;
bend our pride to thy con-trol;
shame our wan-ton, self-ish glad-ness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age,
lest we miss thy king-dom's goal,
lest we miss thy king-dom's goal.*

*Save us from weak res-ig-na-tion
to the e-vils we de-plore.
Let the gift of thy sal-va-tion
be our glo-ry ev-er-more.
Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age,
serv-ing thee whom we a-dore,
serv-ing thee whom we a-dore.*

* Charge

Go and bear fruit! Go and do!
Live a life that is worthy of the Lord.
Give joyful thanks to God
through loving your neighbor,
through doing justice,
through speaking out,
and through defending those who are weak and oppressed.

* Blessing

May God fill you with the knowledge of God's will.
May Jesus Christ, who has rescued you,
give you constant faith to speak the true word of the gospel.
And May the Holy Spirit guide you in wisdom and understanding,
so that the world can flower with the love of God.

* Sung Response No. 748 **“GO WITH US, LORD”**

TALLIS' CANON

*Go with us. Lord, and guide the way
through this and ev-ery com-ing day,
that in your Spir-it strong and true
our lives may be our gift to you.*

* Postlude

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seeking God's peace, justice and love ~

