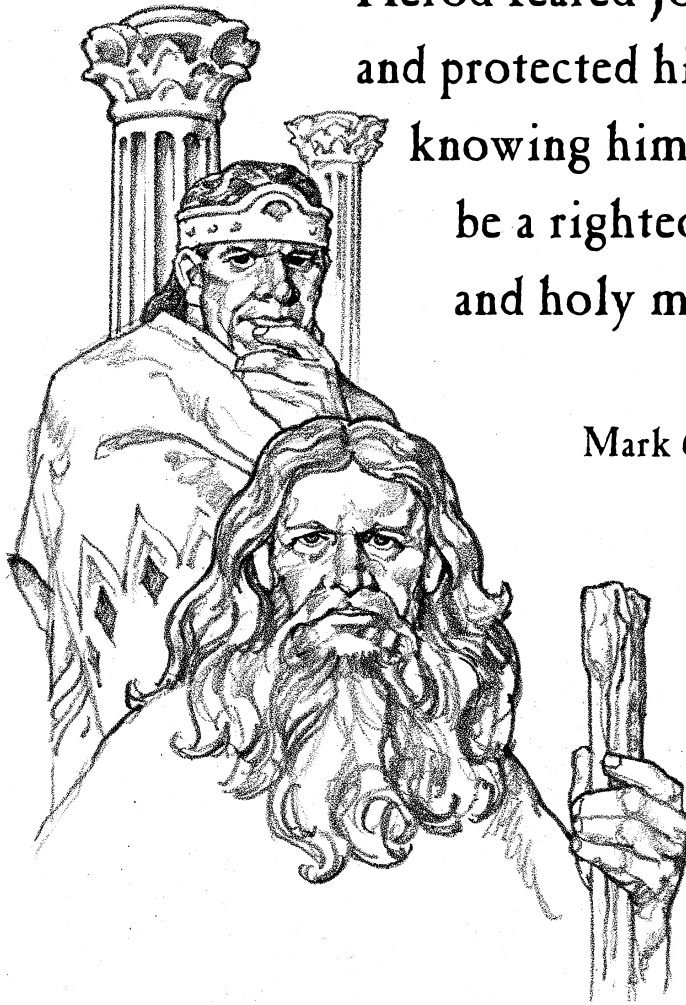


Herod feared John
and protected him,
knowing him to
be a righteous
and holy man.

Mark 6:20



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.
Please put those in the offering plate.

**The Service for the Lord's Day
Bethel Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 11, 2021 - 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

Prelude

“PRAISE HIS GREATNESS”

HYFRYDOL

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

L: Come, let us worship God with the passion and joy of King David
and all the people who sang and danced before the ark of the covenant.

**P: Let us worship our Savior
with the songs of praise and thanksgiving of the apostle Paul
and all who are blessed with every spiritual blessing.**

L: God has blessed us in our Lord Jesus Christ,
destined us to be children of God, and sealed us in the Holy Spirit.

P: Let us worship God.

Prayer of Invocation

Holy Trinity, yours is the justice that calls power to account.

Yours is the love that calls sinners to repent.

Yours is the mercy that forgives us and grants us eternal life.

Lead us in the truth about the Beloved,
and set us free to rejoice with all our might
over the great mystery you have revealed:
that you are bringing all things into harmony
through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

* Hymn No. 32 **“I SING THE MIGHTY POWER OF GOD”**

ELLACOMBE

*I sing the might-y pow’r of God, that made the moun-tains rise,
that spread the flow-ing seas a-broad
and built the loft-y skies.*

*I sing the wis-dom that or-dained the sun to rule the day.
The moon shines full at God’s com-mand, and all the stars o-bey.*

*I sing the good-ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.
God formed the crea-tures through the Word,
and then pro-nounced them good.*

*Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-e’er I turn my eye,
if I sur-vey the ground I tread, or gaze up-on the sky!*

*There’s not a plant or flower be-low but makes thy glo-ries known.
And clouds a-rise, and tem-pests blow,
by order from thy throne,
while all that bor-rows life from thee is ev-er in thy care,
and ev-ery-where that we can be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.*

* Call to Confession

The godliness of Jesus Christ calls us to be holy and blameless.
The riches of God’s grace promise forgiveness of our trespasses.
Let us confess our sins.

* Prayer of Confession (*in one voice*)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, you are the God of glory.
We confess that we often forget that your holiness is dangerous.
We take our impurities for granted,
make excuses for the sins we commit,
and expect you to overlook the harm we cause
while still demanding justice from others.
We do not deserve your mercy.
Forgive us, and return us to a right relationship with you
for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ.**

**You made us for the purpose of praising you;
enliven us with the Holy Spirit so that we can fulfill our calling
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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

SINGAPURA

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

* Declaration of Forgiveness

According to the riches of his grace,
which God has lavished upon us
and sealed for us by the promised Holy Spirit,
hear this good news: In Jesus Christ, you 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

Prayer for Illumination

Spirit of the living God,
seal in us your Word of truth,
the gospel of salvation,
so that we can faithfully follow and joyfully serve
our Lord Jesus Christ, for it is in his name that we pray. Amen.

Readings from Scripture

Wisdom	Psalm 24	<i>(Entrance into the Temple)</i>	Pg. 475
History	2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19	<i>(David Brings the Ark to Jerusalem)</i>	Pg. 267
Gospel	Mark 6:14-29	<i>(The Death of John the Baptist)</i>	Pg. 38

Sermon

“With Fear and Trembling”

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* Affirmation of Faith

Hymnal Pg. 37, Sections 1-3

God portion of The Brief Statement of Faith, 1991

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 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.**

* Hymn No. 432

“HOW CLEAR IS OUR VOCATION, LORD”

REPTON

*How clear is our vo-ca-tion, Lord, when once we heed your call
to live ac-cord-ing to your word and dai-ly learn, re-freshed, re-stored,
that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.*

*But if, for-get-ful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;
if world-ly pres-sures fray the mind and love it-self can-not un-wind
its tan-gled skein of care: our in-ward life re-pair.*

*We mar-vel how your saints be-came in hin-dranc-es more sure:
whose joy-ful vir-tues put to shame the ca-sual way we wear your name,
and by our faults ob-scure your power to cleanse and cure.*

*In what you give us, Lord, to do, to-geth-er or a-lone,
in old rou-tines or ven-tures new, may we not cease to look to you:
the cross you hung up-on, all you en-deav-ored, done.*

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Holy Abba of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who sends the Holy Spirit to help us in our praying,
open our senses to your creation
and our hearts to the needs of others.

Grant us faith, hope, and imagination
to see your vision of the fullness of time
when weapons will be crushed by peace,
stomachs will be filled
by abundant harvests generously shared,
and thirsts quenched by pure rain
falling from clean skies;

diseases will be healed,
minds made clear,
and bodies made new,
so that all things reveal oneness in Christ.

Even now, Abba,
empower us by the Spirit to serve Christ in love
by sharing your vision
and working in the world
for which Christ died and rose and prays
and is coming to complete in resurrection.

We pray these things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (sin / 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.**

Invitation to the Offering

Consider what God has given to us in Jesus Christ;
remember that, even now, the Holy Spirit dwells in us;
rejoice that we are part of God's plan for all time.

Let us present our offerings of thanksgiving.

Offertory

“SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER”

arr. V. Labenske

* Hymn No. 606 “**Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**”

OLD 100TH

*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

Glorious God, you created us because you are love.

It is your will and our destiny that we live

into the full humanity of Jesus Christ

so that we can praise you, give voice to creation’s joy,

and join with all things in heaven and on earth

to rejoice in your goodness forever.

Thank you for this high calling and privilege.

We bring an offering taken from the gifts you have given us.

Because they come from you, they are holy;

because you have given them to us, you honor us as if we are holy.

As we return them to you with our thanksgiving,

bless them with the power of your love

so that they may touch the lives of others

and inspire them to join us in giving you thanks and praise

in the name of Jesus Christ, the King of glory. Amen.

THE SENDING FORTH

* Hymn No. 716 “**GOD, WHOSE GIVING KNOWS NO ENDING**”

BEACH SPRINGS

*God, whose giv-ing knows no end-ing,
from your rich and end-less store,
na-ture’s won-der, Je-sus’ wis-dom, cost-ly cross, grave’s shat-tered door:
gift-ed by you, we turn to you, of-fering up our-selves in praise;
thank-ful song shall rise for-ev-er, gra-cious do-nor of our days.*

*Skills and time are ours for press-ing
toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and free-dom, rac-es joined, the church made one.
Now di-rect our dai-ly la-bor, lest we strive for self a-lone.
Born with tal-ents, make us ser-vants fit to an-swer at your throne.*

*Trea-sure, too, you have en-trust-ed,
gain through powers your grace con-ferred:
ours to use for home and kin-dred, and to spread the gos-pel word.
O-pen wide our hands in shar-ing, as we heed Christ's age-less call.
heal-ing, teach-ing, and re-claim-ing, serv-ing you by lov-ing all.*

* Charge and Benediction

Do not hold back the power of the Spirit;
celebrate with all your might

Christ's victory over sin and death.

Be brave and tell the truth about evil.

Serve the weak; comfort the grieving;
encourage the despairing;

honor everyone to whom respect is due.

Remember that in life and in death,

body and soul, you belong to God,

who promises resurrection in Jesus Christ.

May the Holy Trinity fill you with joy,

surround you with peace, and lead you to eternal life.

* Sung Response No. 748 "GO WITH US LORD"

*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

"WE BOW DOWN"

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

“Glory Be to the Father”

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