



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.)
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 17, 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*)

Col. 1:19-22

L; In Jesus Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell.

**P: Through him God was reconciled to all things
in heaven and on earth,**

L: even to us, that we might be holy and blameless before God.

P: In awe and gratitude, let us worship the Lord our God.

Prayer of Invocation

Almighty God,

Col. 1:16-23

you brought creation into being through Christ,
and in Christ all things find their purpose.

Open our eyes to see the world as your gift
and to use your gifts for the sake of Christ,
that through the witness of our lives
the gospel may be proclaimed to all people. Amen.

* Hymn No. 12 “IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE”

ST. DENIO

*Im-mor-tal, in-vis-i-ble, God on-ly wise,
in light in-ac-ces-si-ble hid from our eyes,
most bless-ed, most glo-ri-ous, the An-cient of Days,
al-might-y, vic-to-ri-ous, thy great name we praise.*

*Un-rest-ing, un-hast-ing, and si-lent as light,
nor want-ing, nor wast-ing, thou rul-est in might:
thy jus-tice, like moun-tains high soar-ing a-bove;
thy clouds, which are foun-tains of good-ness and love.*

*To all, life thou giv-est, to both great and small.
In all life thou liv-est, the true life of all.
We blos-som and flour-ish like leaves on the tree,
then with-er and per-ish; but naught chang-eth thee.*

*Thou reign-est in glo-ry; thou dwell-est in light.
Thine an-gels a-dore thee, all veil-ing their sight.
All praise we would ren-der; O help us to see
‘tis on-ly the spen-dor of light hid-eth thee!*

* Call to Confession

With humble and trusting hearts,
let us confess our sins before God and one another.

* Corporate Prayer of Confession

Luke 10:41

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have been distracted with many things
and have not loved you with our whole heart and strength.
We have not paid attention to your Word.
We have allowed the poor to be neglected
and the weak to be oppressed.
We have been impatient in worship
and insincere in our dealings with others.
We have ignored signs of injustice**

**and disregarded warnings of judgment.
Forgive us, we pray, and teach us repentance.
Free us from our habits of pride, and make us steadfast in faith,
that we may live as those who are reconciled with you
in Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom we pray. 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

Though we were once estranged,
in Jesus Christ we have been reconciled with God.
Baptized, forgiven, and freed,
we are one with the Lord and with each other.
Thanks be to God! 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

Children’s Moment

Musical Interlude

Prayer for Illumination

Let us pray:

O God, as the Scriptures are read and the gospel proclaimed,
open our ears to hear your Word,
open our eyes to see your truth,
and open our hearts to receive your grace. Amen.

Readings from Scripture

Wisdom	Psalm 15	<i>(Who Shall Abide in God's Sanctuary?)</i>	Pg. 469
Epistle	Colossians 3:1-11	<i>(The New Life in Christ)</i>	Pg. 190
Gospel	Luke 10:38-42	<i>(Jesus Visits Martha and Mary)</i>	Pg. 67

Sermon

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

Col. 1:22–23

*With the words “Let us pray to the Lord”
you are invited to respond “**Lord have mercy.**”*

In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

For the church throughout the world, that we may follow Christ our Head,
and be blameless in living the gospel of reconciliation,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For the nations of the world,
that all may live without fear of oppression, poverty, or war,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For the earth,
that we may wisely use its resources for the benefit of humankind
and offer help wherever natural disaster has fractured human trust
in the goodness of creation,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For the leaders of the nations,
that they may honor justice, protect the weak,
and serve the common good,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For our communities and neighborhoods,
that all may dwell in harmony,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For our enemies,
that we may find reconciliation with them for the sake of Christ,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For all who are sick and in trouble,
that they may find healing and peace,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people,
offered in steadfast faith and hope in your care for us.
For we ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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

In gratitude for all that God has done for us, let us present our gifts to God.

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

Luke 10:42

O God, receive these gifts, which are the product of our labors,
and let us not forget the better part of our offering,
which is our devotion to the words of life
we have received from Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SENDING FORTH

* Hymn No. 306

“BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS”

DENNIS

*Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Chris-tian love.
The fel-low-ship of kin-dred minds
is like to that a-bove.*

*Be-fore our Fa-ther's throne
we pour our ar-dent prayers.
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our com-forts and our cares.*

*We share our mu-tual woes;
our mu-tual bur-dens bear.
And of-ten for each oth-er flows
the sym-pa-thiz-ing tear.*

*When we are called to part,
it gives us in-ward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart,
and hope to meet a-gain.*

*From sor-row, toil, and pain,
and sin we shall be free;
and per-fect love and friend-ship reign
through all e-ter-ni-ty.*

* Charge and Blessing

Go in peace.

The God of reconciliation bless you,
the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you,
and the power of the Holy Spirit strengthen you
this day and forevermore.

* 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.*

TALLIS' CANON

* Postlude

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