



**himself as the
cornerstone ...**

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**The Service for the Lord's Day
Bethel Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 18, 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

Please sign the Friendship Pad found in your pew, passing it down the pew then back.

Prelude

“SHALL WE GATHER AT THE RIVER”

arr. Hayes

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

L: Come into the presence of the Most High God
with songs of praise and shouts of thanksgiving.

**P: For our Savior frees us from slavery;
our Savior heals our diseases; our Savior is our peace.**

L: You are a holy temple in the Lord Jesus Christ.

P: Come; let us worship God.

Prayer of Invocation

O Trinity, fill our weakness with your strength;
bind up our brokenness with your unity;
calm our fears and our dread of dying with your peace.

Let us be about the tasks of your love.

Use us to build a holy place where healing and caring and joy
blend in the tones of worship to the glory of your holy name. Amen

*O Christ, the great foun-da-tion on which your peo-ple stand
to preach your true sal-va-tion in ev-ery age and land:
pour out your Ho-ly Spir-it to make us strong and pure,
to keep the faith un-bro-ken as long as worlds en-dure.*

*Bap-tized in one con-fess-ion, one church in all the earth,
we bear our Lord's im-pres-sion, the sign of sec-ond birth:
one ho-ly peo-ple gath-ered in love be-yond our own,
by grace we were in-vit-ed; by grace we make you known.*

*Where ty-rants' hold is tight-ened, where strong de-vour the weak,
where in-no-cents are fright-ened, the righ-teous fear to speak,
there let your church a-wak-ing at-tack the powers of sin
and, all their ram-parts break-ing, with you the vic-tory win.*

*This is the mo-ment glo-rious when he who once was dead
Shall lead his church vic-to-rious, their cham-pion and their head.
The Lord of all cre-a-tion his heaven-ly king-dom brings:
The fi-nal con-sum-ma-tion, the glo-ry of all things.*

* Call to Confession

Even our best intentions go awry
when we are not at one with God's purpose.
Our gracious God journeys with us
and provides for us with unending mercy, patience, and kindness
so that when we repent, we find ourselves forgiven.
Let us confess our sins.

* Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, your steadfast love endures forever.

**We confess that we act as if we are in control
as if you will bless whatever we do.**

If we think of others at all,

it is with an eye toward their usefulness to us.

If we consider your creation, it is to ponder what benefits us.

We have failed to show your love or to do justice in obedience to you.

We have no right to be called your children.

Have mercy on us, God of grace.

Lord, have mercy. Forgive our sins, we humbly pray.

Put the mind of Christ within us, O God,

so that our lives take the form of a cross.

**Use us to break down walls of hostility within the church,
among other nations, and around the world.**

**Equip us to do your will, giving you glory, honor, and praise
together with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.**

... (silent and personal confession) 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

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation;
the old life is gone, the new life has begun.

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. 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

Holy Spirit, come and dwell in us.

Place Jesus Christ in us so that he is the cornerstone holding us together
and making us a sacred place
where steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each others.

We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Readings from Scripture

Wisdom Psalm 89:20-37 (*God's Covenant with David*) Pg. 516

History Ephesians 2:11-22 (*One in Christ*) Pg. 181

Gospel Mark 6:30-34, 53-56 (*Feeding the Five Thousand*) Pg. 38

Sermon: "A World Without Walls"

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* Affirmation of Faith

Hymnal Pg. 37, Sections 1-2

Jesus 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 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.

* Hymn No. 302 “WHEN HANDS REACH OUT AND FINGERS TRACE”

*When hands reach out and fin-gers trace
the beau-ty of a loved one's face,
we thank you, God, that love re-lies
on gifts of grace not seen with eyes.*

*When fin-gers spell and signs ex-press
our prayer and praise and thank-ful-ness,
we thank you, God, that hands can sing;
you bless the si-lent songs we bring.*

*When bro-ken bod-ies will not mend,
we thank you, God, for Christ our friend.
In him, our heal-ing can be-gin:
he wel-comes all the wound-ed in.*

*And when the ways we learn and grow
are not the ways that oth-ers know,*

*we thank you, God, that we have learned
your love's a gift, and nev-er earned.*

*Your Spir-it gives us dif-fering ways
to serve you well and of-fer praise.
When all are joined as one, we'll be
You're a-ble, strong com-mu-ni-ty.*

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of Intercession

O God, merciful and just;

O God, kind and compassionate;

O God, forever faithful for your own name's sake:

we pray for the world Christ came to save;

we pray for the kingdom you are bringing through Christ.

Bless the church, the body of Christ, with the power of the Holy Spirit,
so that our strength is renewed like the eagle's.

Then send us out to proclaim the good news
that in Jesus Christ there is newness of life.

We pray for all who are weary from hard labor,
especially for those who are not fairly paid,
for those who work in dangerous places,
for those trapped in slavery.

Break yokes of oppression and bonds of bitterness.

We pray for all who serve on behalf of others,
especially for those who care for the sick, elderly, and dying;
for those who fight fires, enforce just laws, serve in the military;
for those who hold public office.

Build up all people in peace and freedom.

We pray for ourselves, that we will be faithful,
especially in times of temptation;
that our diseases will be healed, so we have strength to serve others;

that our love for one another and you grow ever deeper.
Make us into a holy temple in the Lord;
build us spiritually into a dwelling place for God—
into your kingdom, O Holy Trinity. 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

Unless God builds the house, those who build labor in vain.
God gives rest to the weary and sleep for his beloved.
Let us present offerings of thanksgiving,
without fear or anxiety about anything, for God provides for us.

Offertory

“IN THE SWEET BY AND BY”

arr. 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

We thank you for enriching our lives with all that is good
and for providing for us in times of trial.

Make us ever more mindful of the blessings you grant us each day;
deepen our trust in your love and mercy.

Increase our thanksgiving by guiding our offerings to help others in need.
Unite us all in a community of thanksgiving, always glorifying you,
O Holy Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

THE SENDING FORTH

* Hymn No. 761 "CALLED AS PARTNERS IN CHRIST'S SERVICE"

BEECHER

*Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice,
called to min-is-tries of grace,
we re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,
e-qual part-ners in our car-ing
to ful-fil God's cho-sen end.*

*Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing,
Christ's clear call to work and worth,
let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.
Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,
blend-ing hu-man skills to-geth-er
gra-cious gifts from God un-fold.*

*Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion,
in a small or glob-al sense,
help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.
Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,
bring new power and strength for ac-tion,
make us col-leagues, free and fair.*

*So God grant us for to-mor-row
ways to or-der hu-man life
that sur-round each per-son's sor-row with a calm that con-quers strife.
Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in-crease,
mes-sen-gers of faith thus giv-ing
hope and con-fi-dence and peace.*

* Benediction

Seek out your neighbor in love.

If it is within your power, be reconciled to your enemies.

Hunger and thirst for the rule of Christ Jesus
and let him dwell in your minds and hearts.

God grant you peace in your sleeping and waking;

Christ fill you with joy in your working and playing;
the Holy Spirit drive you with passion in your love for God.

* 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

“THY WORD”

arr. Hayes

“Lord, Have Mercy”

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“Go with Us, Lord”

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“Glory Be to the Father”

Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow