

Luke 11:1

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.) 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 24, 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)

- L: Show us your steadfast love, O Lord and grant us your salvation.
- P: The Lord will speak peace to the faithful, to those who turn to God in their hearts.
- L: Surely salvation is at hand for those who fear the Lord, and God's glory will dwell in our land.

Prayer of Invocation

Jesus Christ, teach us to pray, and to trust the hospitality of God for our daily bread, as our ancestors who ate manna in the wilderness.

Let us likewise be hospitable, and as God gives the gift of the Holy Spirit to us, let us give good gifts to those who are in need. Amen. * Hymn No. 275

A might-y for-tress is our God, a bul-wark nev-er fail-ing.
Our help-er he, a-mid the flood of mor-tal ills pre-vail-ing.
For still our an-cient foe doth seek to work us woe.
His craft and power are great, and armed with cru-el hate, on earth is not his e-qual.

Did we in our own strength con-fide, our striv-ing would be los-ing, were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choos-ing.

Dost ask who that may be?

Christ Je-sus, it is he.

Lord Sab-a-oth his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the bat-tle.

And though this world, with dev-ils filled, should threat-en to un-do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to tri-umph through us.

The Prince of Dark-ness grim, we trem-ble not for him.

His rage we can en-dure, for lo, his doom is sure.

One litt-le word shall fell him.

That word a-bove all earth-ly powers, no thanks to them a-bid-eth.

The Spir-it and the gifts are ours through him who with us sid-eth.

Let goods and kin-dred go, this mor-tal life al-so.

The bod-y they may kill;

God's truth a-bid-eth still.

His king-dom is for-ev-er.

* Call to Confession

Let us turn to the most Holy One and confess our sin, confident in God's faithful and steadfast love for us.

* Corporate Prayer of Confession

Holy One, although we come to church on Sundays, we too often live the rest of the week as though you don't exist. We act as though we created ourselves, with no connection to you, with no hope of transcendence. Open us to your constant presence, Holy One. Teach us to pray, and restore our sight, that we may commune with you each day in the light of eternity. Amen.

* Sung Response No. 576 "LORD, HAVE MERCY"

Lord, have mer-cy.

Christ, have mer-cy on us.

SINGAPURA

* Declaration of Forgiveness

Hear this from God's Word:

Neither death nor life, powers nor rulers, things present nor future, nor anything else in all creation can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

Therefore do not let anyone condemn you or disqualify you from the body, but hold fast to its head, who nourishes growth from God. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.

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:

God of Love and Justice,

we are grateful for inheriting the tradition of the Scriptures.

By your Holy Spirit, speak to us through your Word, that we may know the love and grace of Jesus Christ, your living Word made flesh among us. Amen.

Readings from Scripture

Wisdom	Psalm 138	(Thanksgiving and Praise)	Pg. 545
Epistle	Colossians 2:6-19	(Fullness of Life in Christ)	Pg. 189
Gospel	Luke 11:1-13	(The Lord's Prayer)	Pg. 67

Sermon

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* Affirmation of Faith

Hymnal pg. 37, Section 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

With the words "Restore us again" you are invited to respond "O God of our salvation."

O God most high, you care for the lowly, but look down on the haughty. In your steadfast love, fulfill your purpose for us.

Restore us again, O God of our salvation.

We pray for the church and for all who work to give hospitality to others. Restore us again, **O** God of our salvation.

We pray for peace among nations, religions, ideologies, and people. Restore us again, **O** God of our salvation.

We pray for those injured by war, natural disaster, or financial collapse, all who cry out for help.

Restore us again, O God of our salvation.

We pray for those oppressed because of class, age, gender, ability, or sexual orientation.

Restore us again, O God of our salvation.

We pray for those afflicted by illness or overcome by the fear of death. Restore us again, **O God of our salvation.**

Gracious God, you are the friend of those in need. Like Abraham and Sarah, may we show you hospitality, whether you come in the form of angels or strangers, for the sake 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

Jesus teaches us that if we ask, it will be given to us.

Let us participate in God's purpose, then, by giving generously for all who are in need.

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

Holy One, we give you thanks for your steadfast love and faithfulness. Bless these offerings and transform them into gifts of hospitality for those who need them most. Amen.

THE SENDING FORTH

* Hymn No. 465

"WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS"

CONVERSE

What a friend we have in Je-sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a priv-i-lege to car-ry ev-ery-thing to God in prayer!
O what peace we of-ten for-feit;
O what need-less pain we bear, all be-cause we do not car-ry ev-ery-thing to God in prayer!

Have we tri-als and temp-ta-tions?
Is there trou-ble an-y-where?
We should nev-er be dis-cour-aged;
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faith-ful
who will all our sor-rows share?
Je-sus knows our ev-ery weak-ness;
take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heav-y lad-en, cum-bered with a load of care?
Pre-cious Sav-ior, still our ref-uge; take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends de-spise, for-sake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a so-lace there.

* Charge and Blessing
Ask, and it will be given to you;
search, and you will find;
knock, and the door will be opened to you.

May God preserve you, protect and keep you, this day and for all eternity.

* 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

TALLIS' CANON

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