



**The Service for the Lord's Day**  
**Bethel Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)**  
**8<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**July 31, 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: Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all inhabitants of the world:

**P: We are both low and high; we are rich and poor together;**

L: Listening for wisdom, longing for understanding,

**P: We incline our ears to hear God's wisdom in our midst.**

Prayer of Invocation

Extravagant God, you offer riches that no earthly pleasures can match.

You pour out mercy and cover us with love.

You show us true justice and offer us peace.

You provide us with every need and promise us eternal life with you.

In the midst of the glitz and glamour of this world,

nothing, and no one, shines with your brilliance.

Bathe us in the light of Christ,

illumine us with your Holy Spirit, and enable us to live only for you.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*God, re-veal your pres-ence:  
glad-ly we a-dore you,  
and with awe ap-pear be-fore you.  
Holy is your tem-ple:  
all with-in keep si-lence,  
hum-bly bow with deep-est rev-erence.  
You a-lone now we own  
as our God and Sav-ior:  
praise your name for-ev-er!*

*In God's ho-ly pres-ence,  
hear the harps re-sound-ing;  
see the crowds the throne sur-round-ing:  
"Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly!"  
hear the hymn as-cend-ing,  
an-gels, saints, their voic-es blend-ing.  
Turn your ear to us here;  
hear, O Christ, the prais-es  
that your church now rais-es.*

*Foun-tain of all bless-ing,  
pu-ri-fy my spir-it;  
all my trust is in your mer-it.  
Like the ho-ly an-gels  
on your glo-ry gaz-ing,  
we a-dore, ho-san-nas rais-ing.  
Let your will e-ver still  
rule your church ter-res-trial,  
as the hosts ce-les-tial.*

\* Call to Confession

Already assured that forgiveness is ours in Jesus Christ,  
let us lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,  
that we might receive mercy and amend our lives.

\* Corporate Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, you lavish us with good gifts,  
yet we persist in seeking after that which robs us of abundant life.  
We hold fast to our anxieties and give in to our greed;  
we desire the very things that harm us.  
Forgive us, purify us,  
and sustain us by the strength of your Holy Spirit,  
we ask in Jesus' name. 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

If God is for us, who is against us?  
In Jesus Christ you have been set free.  
Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

\* 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, allow us your wisdom.

By the power of your Holy Spirit open the Scriptures to us today,  
that in the Word read and proclaimed we might know your truth.

In Jesus' name we ask it. Amen.

Readings from Scripture

Wisdom	Psalm 49:1-12	<i>(The Folly of Trust in Riches)</i>	Pg. 491
Epistle	Colossians 3:1-11	<i>(Ministers of the New Covenant)</i>	Pg. 169
Gospel	Luke 12:13-21	<i>(The Parable of the Rich Fool)</i>	Pg. 70

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 "Gracious God"  
you are invited to respond "**Hear our Prayer.**"*

God of heaven and earth,  
in your wisdom you made the whole creation and called it good.  
You have lavished your creatures with beauty  
and sustained us with your grace.  
Even so, we are distracted and seduced  
and wreak havoc on the world you made.  
Humbly, then, we pray to you for comfort and healing and peace, saying,  
Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

For those who declare war, those who wage it,  
and those who suffer from it . . .  
Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

For your church, that we may overcome divisions  
and live in the unity given to us in Christ . . .  
Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

For your creation, that the earth's wounds may be healed  
and we may become better caretakers . . .

Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

For those who fight despair, struggle with addiction,  
or live without hope . . .

Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

For those who are ill, and all who care for them . . .

Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

For the secret burdens of our hearts . . .

Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

Grateful for your mercy, we entrust these and all our prayers to you,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. 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

God pours out blessings upon us,  
not so we can hoard them or take pride in what we have  
but that we might share our goods with the same generous spirit.  
With joy, let us bring our tithes and offerings 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

All we have and all we are comes from you, O God,  
our Father, our Mother, our Creator, our Sovereign.  
If we were to give thanks until the end of time,  
we could not repay your benevolence and grace.  
Take these meager offerings, we pray,  
and increase our generosity,  
that everything we say and do  
might show forth your irrepressible love.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SENDING FORTH

\* Hymn No. 450

“BE THOU MY VISION”

SLANE

*Be thou my vi-sion, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
wak-ing or sleep-ing, thy pres-ence my light.*

*Be thou my wis-dom, and thou my true Word;  
I ev-er with thee, and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my soul's shel-ter, and thou my high tower;  
raise thou me heaven-ward, O Power of my power.*

*Rich-es I heed not, nor vain, em-pty praise;  
thou mine in-her-i-tance, now and al-ways;*



*thou and thou on-ly, first in my heart,  
High King of Heav-en, my trea-sure thou art.*

*High King of Heav-en, my vic-to-ry won,  
may I reach heav-en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, what-ev-er be-fall,  
still be my vi-sion, O Rul-er of all.*

\* Charge and Blessing

Since you have been raised with Christ seek the things that are of God,  
and go forth to live lives worthy of your calling.

May the God who gives us every good gift  
bless you and keep you in the mind of Christ,  
by the power of the Spirit who sustains us all. Amen.

\* 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

## MUSIC ATTRIBUTIONS

“God, Reveal Your Presence”

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“Lord, Have Mercy”

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“Be Thou My Vision”

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Music: Irish ballad; harm. David Evans, 1927

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“Go with Us, Lord”

Text: Mary Jackson Cathey, 1986

Music: Thomas Tallis; adapt. Parker’s Whole Psalter, c. 1561

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“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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