



David became
*greater and
greater*, for the
LORD, the
God of hosts,
was with him.

2 Samuel 5:10, NRSV

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.)
Communion Sunday / 6th Sunday after Pentecost
July 4, 2021 - 11:00 AM

** Indicates congregation standing if able. Parents with infants may remain seated.
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: Jesus Christ, the crucified Lord,
calls us to believe the good news of salvation.

P: His grace is sufficient for us.

L: Let us enter into God's new realm rejoicing,
not in our own strength, but in the power of the Holy Spirit.

P: Let us worship God.

Prayer of Invocation

God the creator, God of the cross,
you show your power in whirling galaxies and unseen forces.
You show your love in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
Drive out the evils that threaten to break our spirits
and help us to rely on your all-sufficient grace,
for we pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

* Hymn No. 463

“HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION”

FOUNDATION

* Call to Confession

We live in God's world, but a world broken by our own doing. God offers us wholeness, yet we turn away, refusing God's love because it comes through means we dislike. Let us confess our brokenness and seek to be open to God's wholeness through whatever means it comes.

* Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, we confess that we have sinned against you
and against your whole creation.**

**We have not loved you with our whole being;
rather we have loved ourselves at the expense of others.**

We have ignored the cries of the poor.

We have turned away from those in need.

We have shunned those who are different from us.

**We have abused and exploited each other
and the world you have made.**

**You have sent prophets to convict us of our sin,
yet we have rejected them. Forgive us, O God.**

**Open our eyes, our ears, and our hearts
to your presence all around us.**

**Transform us in our weakness
to live with the power of the risen Christ,
accepting, loving, and serving all,
and living in harmony with all that you have made.**

...(silent and personal confession) Amen.

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

SINGAPURA

* Declaration of Forgiveness

In our brokenness God is ever near. In our time of need, God's love surrounds us. We must simply be open to receive it.

Sisters and brothers, God knows our brokenness and God is here to bring healing and wholeness. Receive the good news of God.

Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven
and by the Holy Spirit we are nurtured to wholeness.

* Sung Response No. 581 **“GLORY BE TO THE FATHER”**

GLORIA PATRI

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Savior God, you gave Zion as a stronghold for David.

By the power of the Holy Spirit, speak to us through Jesus Christ,
your living Word, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Readings from Scripture

Wisdom Psalm 48 *(The Glory and Strength of Zion)* Pg. 490

History 2nd Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 *(David Anointed King ...)* Pg. 267

Gospel Mark 6:1-13 *(The Rejection of Jesus at Nazareth)* Pg. 38

Sermon: “Depending on God”

The Rev. Dr. Wendy Neff

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* Affirmation of Faith **Apostle’s Creed (Trad.)** Hymnal – pg. 35

* Hymn No. 308 **“O GOD IN WHOM ALL LIFE BEGINS”** NOEL

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Offering

The Lord said to the apostle Paul, my grace is sufficient for you. ...

Jesus also said to Peter,

Every one to whom much is given, of him much will be required.

Let us bear witness to the love of God

by presenting our offerings of thanksgiving.

Offertory

* Hymn No. 606 **“PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW”**

* Prayer of Dedication

Gracious triune God, we thank you for the suffering love of Jesus Christ, and for your presence with us in times of joy and of sorrow, sickness and health, faithfulness and brokenness.

We bring these offerings as signs of our gratitude and as tools in the ministry of the church.

Use them and us to make known the good news of your healing love and renewing power, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Jesus calls all people to sit at table with him:
the sick and the uncertain, the weak and the poor,
the Pharisees and tax collectors.

From north and south and east and west
he calls us to come and sit at this table, the foretaste of the kingdom of God.

On a night long ago, when Jesus sat at table with his disciples,
they thought they were the hosts and he the guest.

But then he broke the bread, and their eyes were opened
and they recognized him.

The guest became the host; the foolish one was revealed as Wisdom.
To this table, to this banquet of Wisdom, he calls us again.

Great Thanksgiving (*L = Leader, P = People*)

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them up to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right and our great delight to praise you, O God.

In the beginning of time, your wisdom danced through creation,
calling forth light and life.

Through wisdom, you formed us in your image,

calling us to love and serve you. Foolishly we turned from you
and abandoned your ways of justice and mercy.
Yet you did not reject us, but continued to call and claim us as your own.

We were slaves in Egypt, and you freed us.
We were hungry and thirsty in the wilderness,
and you nourished us with manna and water from the rock.
We had no home, and you led us into the land of your promise.
We worshipped idols of our own making,
and you called to us through the prophets to turn back to you.
At last you emptied yourself of power and came to us as the child of Mary,
holy God in frail and human flesh.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels
and with all the faithful of every time and place,
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

You are holy, O God of power and might,
and blessed is Jesus Christ, the one who comes in your name.
In his life, he called unlikely people to follow him:
fisherfolk, tax collectors, children, sinners, deniers, betrayers.
On the cross he gave himself up to the powers of this world,
showing in his body your great foolishness, O God,
for loving such a wayward world.
Yet by this very cross, O Wisdom from on high,
you have undone and remade the wisdom of this world,
drawing light from darkness, power from humiliation, life from death itself.

Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ,
we proclaim together the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ has risen.

Christ will come again.

Come, then, life-giving Spirit,

brood over these bodily things and make us into one body with Christ,
that we, who are baptized into his death, may walk in newness of life;
that what is sown in dishonor may be raised in glory
and what is sown in weakness may be raised in power.

We praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (*sin / sin against us*)

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer after Communion

We thank you, O God, that through Word and Sacrament you have given us
your Son who is the true bread from heaven and food of eternal life.

So strengthen us in your service that our daily living may show our thanks;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SENDING FORTH

* Hymn No. 515

“I COME WITH JOY”

DOVE OF PEACE

* Benediction

Show the love of God in all you do.

Be faithful witnesses to the grace of Jesus Christ.

Live in the power and joy of the Holy Spirit.

The Son of David lead you to his eternal kingdom;

the Son of Mary wipe all tears from your eyes;

the Son of the Most High God save you from all evil

and make you whole, now and forever. Amen.

* 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

“How Firm a Foundation”

“Glory Be to the Father”

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“Lord, Have Mercy”

Text: Trad. Liturgical text

Music: Swee Hong Lim, 1990

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“O God in Whom All Life Begins”

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., 1990

Music: English melody; arr. Arthur S. Sullivan, 1874

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“I Come with Joy”

Text: Brian Wren, 1968; rev. 1993

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Music Arr. © 1977 Hope Publishing Company

“Go with Us, Lord”

Text: Mary Jackson Cathey, 1986

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

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