



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.)
Trinity Sunday
June 12, 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: O Holy Trinity, One God in Three Persons,

**P: we behold in the splendor of creation
your majesty and our responsibility.**

L: O Holy Trinity, One God in Three Persons,

**P: we behold in the face of Jesus Christ
your divinity and our humanity.**

L: O Holy Trinity, One God in Three Persons,

**P: we behold in the Spirit of truth your glory and our calling.
Bound to you forever, we will ever praise your name!**

Prayer of Invocation

O God, we honor this day the majesty and the mystery of your name.

You are both infinite and intimate,

known and unknowable, transcendent and transparent.

In love, you have made us your own,

and invite us to join in your divine dance.

We will never rest until we rest in you, Blessed Trinity,
one God forever and ever. Amen.

*Come, thou al-might-y King,
help us thy name to sing; help us to praise:
Fa-ther, all glo-ri-ous, o'er all vic-to-ri-ous,
come, and reign o-ver us, An-cient of Days.*

*Come, thou in-car-nate Word,
mer-ci-ful, might-y Lord, our prayer at-tend.
Come, and thy peo-ple bless, and give thy word suc-cess;
Spir-it of ho-li-ness, on us de-scend.!*

*Come, ho-ly Com-fort-er,
thy sa-cred wit-ness bear in this glad hour.
Thou who al-might-y art, now rule in ev-ery heart,
and ne'er from us de-part, Spir-it of power.*

*To thee, great One in Three,
e-ter-nal prais-es be, hence ev-er-more!
Thy sov-ereign maj-es-ty may we in glo-ry see,
and to e-ter-ni-ty love and a-dore.*

* Call to Confession

By faith in Jesus Christ, we are given access to the grace of God.
Standing in that grace, we now confess our sins before God,
seeking forgiveness and peace.

* Prayer of Confession

**Triune God, within your own life
there is mutuality, equality, and unity in diversity.
Though we are made in your image,
we confess that we distort the triune life.
Instead of seeking mutual welfare and the common good,
we seek our own gain.
Instead of living in equality, justice, and respect,**

we construct systems that are unjust.
We devise ways to elevate ourselves over others,
and disrespectful thoughts, words, and actions still surface in us.
We allow differences to divide us and lead to brokenness.
Holy God, forgive us.
Restore in us, and in our life together, the divine image you intend.
Make us tender in mutuality.
Make us generous in equality.
Make us grateful in diversity.
We pray to be one with you and one another,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* Sung Response No. 288 **“SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD”**

LIVING GOD

Spir-it of the liv-ing God, fall a-fresh on me.
Spir-it of the liv-ing God, fall a-fresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spir-it of the liv-ing God, fall a-fresh on me.

* Declaration of Forgiveness (*L = Leader, P = People*)

L: Friends, we are still standing in the grace of Christ.
Because God’s love has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit, we are set free to love God and neighbor,
and to work for the reconciliation of the world.

P: **We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.**
Thanks be to God!

* 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

Special Music

Prayer for Illumination

Living Word, you still have many things to say to us.
Speak, and we will try to bear them.
By your Word, may the Spirit guide us into all truth,
that our lives may glorify you. Amen.

Readings from Scripture

Wisdom	Psalm 8	<i>(Divine Majesty and Human Dignity)</i>	Pg. 466
Epistle	Romans 5:1-5	<i>(Results of Justification)</i>	Pg. 145
Gospel	John 3:1-17	<i>(Nicodemus Visits Jesus)</i>	Pg. 88

Sermon

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* Affirmation of Faith Nicene Creed Hymnal Pg. 34

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

**he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Holy God, you are more than we can know or name,
yet we call on you again and again for you alone are God.
We cannot live apart from you,
for you have called us into your triune life.

We come before you in thanksgiving
for all the gifts you have given that delight us so:
for the beauty of this season;
for the lives of those who bless us beyond their knowing;
for this community of faith by which we are nurtured and challenged;
for opportunities to serve you by serving others;
for goals accomplished;
and for the gift of life granted yet again today.

We come before you humbly and hopeful in need:
for those we know who are suffering today
because of illness in mind, body, or spirit;
for those trying to make a difficult decision;
for those grieving a loss, an ending, a dream deferred.

We pray for healing and strength in every broken place of our lives.
We long for the hope you alone can give—
hope that does not disappoint us
but rolls away stones of death and despair.

We come before you earnestly and urgently for this world in turmoil:
for the chaos loose in the natural world—
drought and floods, earthquakes and tornadoes—
heal the earth, we pray.

May those who are starving, thirsty,
or left in destruction's debris be restored.

We pray for the turmoil we cause
through war and violence, hatred and prejudice,
by our indifference and by our calculation.

Bring an end to our warring ways,
until civilians and soldiers live in safety and peace.

Root out of our hearts the seeds of bigotry and narrow-mindedness.

Stir us from apathy, increase in us empathy that we may love as you love.

Holy God, we have done so much to disrupt, disengage,
and even destroy what you have created and called good.

Still you are determined to delight in the human race.

So, make us delight-full.

Help us to delight in you by living and playing in ways that please you.

Help us to delight in neighbors near and far

by living and playing in ways that restore true communion.

Make us delightful all our days

until we greet with joy the kingdom you are bringing.

In Christ Jesus we pray. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (*"sins...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

Out of the abundance of God's own life,
we have received the abundance of God's creation,
God's word, and God's love.

Why, then, should we live as though we are threatened with scarcity?
Let us return to God a portion of all that we have been given,
with joyous and glad abandon.

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 of Gifts and Self

Let us pray:

Holy God, you have poured out so much for us—
the beauty of the world, the care of family and friends,
meaningful labor, and the gift of the church.

We give you thanks for these and many other gifts.

Most especially, we thank you for pouring your love
into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

Through these offerings,

may your love spill over in glad abundance
that brings relief, renewal, and hope to those in need.

In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

THE SENDING FORTH

* Hymn No. 1 **“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY! LORD GOD ALMIGHTY!”**

NICAEA

*Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly! Lord God Al-might-y!
Ear-ly in the morn-ing our song shall rise to thee.
Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly! Mer-ci-ful and might-y!
God in three per-sons, bless-ed Trin-i-ty!*

*Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly! all the saints a-dore thee,
cast-ing down their gold-en crowns a-round the glass-y sea;
cher-u-bim and ser-a-phem fall-ing down be-fore thee,
who wert, and art, and ev-er-more shalt be.*

*Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly! though the dark-ness hide thee,
though the eye of sin-ful-ness thy glo-ry may not see,
on-ly thou art ho-ly; there is none be-side thee,
per-fect in power, in love and pu-ri-ty.*

*Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly! Lord God Al-might-y!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly! Mer-ci-ful and might-y!
God in three per-sons, bless-ed Trin-i-ty!*

* Charge and Blessing

Go out this day participating in the life of the triune God—
by honoring mutuality,
living in equality and justice,
and celebrating the amazing diversity
by which our communion is enriched.

May the grace of Christ Jesus grant you peace;
may the Holy Spirit guide you into all truth;

and may the love of God fill your heart
so that you may find hope in every circumstance of this life,
and give glory to God. Amen.

- * Sung Response No. 598 “**AMEN SIAKUDUMISA**”
(*Amen, We Praise Your Name, O God*)
A-men si-a-ku-du-mi-sa!
A-men si-a-ku-du-mi-sa!
Amen ba-wo. Amen ba-wo.
A-men si-a-ku-du-mi-sa!

* Postlude

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“Come, Thou Almighty King”

“Glory Be to the Father”

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

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