

Bethel Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

~ a community of faith coming together,
for fellowship, study and service . . .
seeking God's peace, justice and love ~



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.)
2nd Sunday in Lent
March 13, 2022 - 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

"INSCRIPTION OF HOPE"

by Z. Randall Stroope

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

L: When the shadows grow at the edge of the road,

P: O God, keep us steady, help us move onward.

L: When the path is unclear, and fog settles in,

P: O God, help us to overcome our fears, and live in faith.

L: When it becomes difficult to continue on,

P: O God, make Your presence known to us,

L: Despite our weariness and our struggles,

P: O God, help us to know you are with us, always.

Prayer of Invocation

Loving God, you have asked us to seek your face.

We come together gladly to seek your face.

You are the goal of our living and the source of our loving,
the Holy Friend whose glory exceeds our understanding.

Because of your invitation, we worship you without fear,
we praise you, we adore you.

Through Christ Jesus, your Son and our Brother. Amen.

*Come down, O Love Di-vine; seek out this soul of mine,
and vis-it it with your own ar-dor glow-ing.
O Com-fort-er, draw near;
with-in my heart ap-pear,
and kin-dle it, your ho-ly flame be-stow-ing.*

*O let it free-ly burn, till earth-ly pas-sions turn
to dust and ash-es in its heat con-sum-ing.
And let your glo-rious light
shine ev-er on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path il-lum-ing.*

*And so the yearn-ing strong, with which the soul will long,
shall far out-pass the power of hu-man tell-ing.
For none can guess God's grace,
till Love cre-ates a place
where-in the Ho-ly Spir-it makes a dwell-ing.*

* Call to Confession

We cannot hide our sin from God, and we dare not hide it from ourselves.
Trusting in God's bountiful generosity, let us confess our sins
and open our hearts to God.

* Prayer of Confession

**Steadfast God, we confess that our courage is fleeting.
Fear overtakes us; we become weary and overwhelmed.
Renew our spirits, O God.
Help us to lean on You, to find our strength in one another.
Lift us up, and help us to lift up one another.
Inspire us, O God, to keep moving on,
despite what the world throws at us,
despite our disappointments and shortcomings.
For You are our Rock, our Strength, and Our Redeemer. Amen.**

* Sung Response No. 437 **“YOU ARE THE LORD, GIVER OF MERCY”**

*You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy!
You are the Christ, giv-er of mer-cy!
You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy!*

* Declaration of Forgiveness

God is with us. God is encouraging us.

God is there when we recognize our wrongdoings.

God is there to lift us up and restore us.

Know that you are God’s beloved.

Repair what has been broken, restore what has been taken,
and do the hard work to live into God’s ways.

You are not alone.

We are all here on the journey with you, together.

Go and share the Good News. Amen.

* Sung Response No. 544 **“BLESS THE LORD”**

*Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God’s ho-ly name.
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in-to life.*

THE WORD

Children’s Moment

Kathy Banker

Prayer for Illumination

God of extravagant grace,

may your Spirit refresh our hearts through the reading of the scriptures
that we may perceive all the good we can do for Christ
and so grow in our faith toward our Lord Jesus. Amen.

Readings from Scripture

Psalter	Psalm 27:1-14	<i>(Triumphant Song of Confidence)</i>	Pg. 476
Gospel	Luke 13:31-35	<i>(The Lament over Jerusalem)</i>	Pg. 72

Sermon: “Like a Mother Hen”

The Reverend Susan Reisinger

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* Affirmation of Faith

**Into the silence of the void the Creator spoke,
and the world came into being.**

**The Word of God in the vastness brought light from darkness,
matter from nothing,
flesh from dust,
life from lifelessness.**

**In the quiet of a small town in Palestine
the Word of God came to us.**

**Even though of one being with the Creator,
Jesus our Christ, taking on human form, was born,
lived and walked among us,
speaking the words of life.**

**He was crucified, died, and was buried.
He rose from the dead and speaks to us today.
He is the one who saves us from ourselves.**

**In the stillness of our souls the Spirit of God,
who is one with the Creator and the Christ,
whispers the Word,
and calls us back to the Creator,
back to the Christ,
back to the wholeness of everlasting life
in the unity of the Creator, Christ and Spirit.**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

**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's love for creation, and for us is strong and steadfast.
That spurs on our own love and faithfulness.
Let us give with grateful and open hearts. Amen

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

As you have blessed us beyond all expectation and need,
we would join in imitating you,
by offering gifts which will bring hope, healing,
and help to those who struggle in this life.
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

THE SENDING FORTH

* Hymn No. 794

“O SAVIOR, IN THIS QUIET PLACE”

ST. STEPHEN

*O Sav-ior in this qui-et place, where an-y-one may kneel,
I al-so come to ask for grace, be-live-ing you can heal.*

*If pain of bod-y, stress of mind, de-stroys my in-ward peace,
in prayer for oth-ers may I find the se-cret of re-lease.*

*If self up-on its sick-ness feeds and turns my life to gall,
let me not brood up-on my needs, but sim-ply tell you all.*

*You nev-er said “You ask too much” to an-y trou-bled soul.
I long to feel your heal-ing touch; will you not make me whole?*

*But if the thing I most desire is not your way for me,
may faith, when tested in the fire, prove its integrity.*

*Of all my prayers, may this be chief: till faith is fully grown,
Lord, disbelieve my unbelief, and claim me as your own.*

* Benediction

* Sung Response No. 547 **“GO MY CHILDREN, WITH MY BLESSING”**

verse 3

Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos-er to me.

Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy-ful and free.

Here my Spir-it’s power filled you; here my ten-der com-fort stilled you.

Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, joy-ful and free.

* Postlude

MUSIC ATTRIBUTIONS

“Bless the Lord”

Text: Taizé Community, 1984

Music: Jacques Berthier, 1984

Text & Music © 1984, 1998 Les Presses de Taizé (admin. GIA Publications, Inc.)

O Savior, in This Quiet Place

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1974, alt.

Music: William Jones, 1789

Text© 1974 Hope Publishing Company

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1983

Music: Welsh melody

Text © Concordia Publishing House

Public Domain

“Come Down, O Love Divine”

“You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy!”

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Reprinted / Podcast / Streamed

with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-718125

All Rights Reserved