

Bethel Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

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

FIRST
SUNDAY IN



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.)
1st Sunday in Lent / Communion Sunday
March 6, 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

"PANIS ANGELICUS"

Translation: *Bread of Angels make the bread of men:*

The bread of heaven puts an end to all symbols;

A thing wonderful!

The Lord becomes our food: poor, a servant, and humble.

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

L: Lent is a time when we embark on a wilderness journey
toward reconciliation and wholeness.

It is a time when we let go of what is distracting us
in our relationship with God.

P: **We have come here to recall who we are -**
a people baptized into Jesus Christ,
but a people who have not lived up to our calling.
And so we are here to be called again
by the all-powerful Word of God to a change of heart
and a willingness to live out the demands
of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

L: To hear that call more clearly,
let us examine our lives in the light of the gospel.
I invite you, therefore to the observance of a holy Lent,

by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and service;
and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word.

Prayer of Invocation

Hope is the inheritance you gift to us, God our trust,
so we might discover that when we are tempted
we may call out to you for help;
that even when we stumble during our journey,
we are carried in your hands.

All that we have is an inheritance from you,
God in Community, Holy One, blessings to be shared with all.

* Hymn No. 421 **“Have Mercy, God, Upon My Life”**

IRISH

*Have mer-cy, God, up-on my life, and make me clean with-in:
pour out your ev-er-faith-ful love and wash a-way my sin.*

*My guilt is heav-y on my mind; I know what I have done:
a-gainst your jus-tice I have sinned, a-gainst you, God, a-lone.*

*Now teach me wis-dom in my soul; I long to see your face.
Let bones, once bro-ken, sing with joy, and heal me by your grace.*

*Cre-ate in me a faith-ful heart, a spir-it right and new.
Sus-tain me with your sav-ing love and keep me close to you.*

*Then I will praise you with my heart, my mind, my soul, my voice.
You save the least and seek the lost; let all the world re-joice!*

* Call to Confession

God makes no distinction between us.

We are all sinners, we are all children of God,
we are all called to a life that is faithful to God's love.

Trusting in that love, let us open our hearts as we confess our sin to God.

* Prayer of Confession

We meet you here, God of faithfulness, our hands and lives full of all our foolish ways. Your people, we treat the strangers who walk among us with fear and doubt. We afflict our anger on those who care about us the most. We impose hard words on those who need to hear hope and grace in their lives.

So now we bring our hearts to you, Generous God, setting them down before you in hopes that you will mend them. As you hear our faltering words, we pray you would answer us with your forgiving love. And as you forgive us, may we go forth to be generous with our lives towards others, even as the one who is Lord of all, Jesus Christ, has been so generous to us.

* 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!*

* Assurance of Pardon

Do not give up. God has not given up on you.
As long as you breathe, you have life, you have hope, and you can rejoice,
for God is doing something new in you.
You are forgiven, you are loved, and you have new life.
Go and share this 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

Prayer for Illumination

Spirit of holiness, open our ears to hear your word.
Open our hearts to receive your word.
Open our lives to live as faithful disciples of your love. Amen

Readings from Scripture

Psalter	Psalms 139:1-12	<i>(The Inescapable God)</i>	Pg. 545
Gospel	Luke 4:1-13	<i>(The Temptation of Jesus)</i>	Pg. 57

Sermon "Wandering in the Wilderness"

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Call to Offering

Israel came out of the wilderness and into a land
flowing with milk and honey.

There they were finally able to offer to God baskets full,
in joyful celebration.

We, too, bring the first fruits of all that God has so generously given us,
with joy and thanksgiving.

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

Gracious and Generous God,

we are amazed by the good gifts you bestow in abundance.

Thank you for food that sustains us on our journey.

Thank you for the company of saints to whom we are joined.

Thank you for giving us your work to do on earth.

We offer back to you a portion of all that we have received,

setting down our baskets in celebration of your greatest gift, Jesus Christ,
in whose name we pray. Amen.

Invitation to the Lord's Table (*L = Leader, P = People*)

L: Dear friends, we are going to Jerusalem with Jesus.

P: He is our pardon, our healing, and our peace!

L: We will suffer the trial with him, resisting evil.

P: With him, we will walk the path to life.

L: But come first to the table where there is food for the journey.

P: With hearts full of joy we come,

L: giving thanks to God, our maker,

P: and offering our praise!

Great Prayer of 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.

... as with angels and saints we sing.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Now, O God, we remember Jesus.

Silence...

He fasted and prayed; he was tempted and tried.

He relied on you for everything.

He was obedient to you and scorned by the powers of this world.

He confounded the haughty and gave hope to the humble.

He was betrayed and deserted.

He died between thieves and was buried in a borrowed grave.

You gave him new life. He lives even now, our healer and friend.

He loved us well, loved us to the end, and loves us still.

... as with angels and saints we sing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

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.

Words of Institution

Communion Anthem

“IN REMEMBRANCE”

Sharing in the Holy Meal

Please partake of the Communion elements during the anthem.

Prayer after Communion

**Thank you, merciful God, for gladness in this bread and cup,
for love that cannot die, for peace the world cannot give,
for the splendors of creation,
and for the mission of justice you have made our own.**

**Give us the gifts of this Holy Communion —
oneness of heart, love for neighbors, forgiveness of enemies,
the will to serve you every day, and life that never ends.**

In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

THE SENDING FORTH

* Hymn No.166 **“Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days”** ST. FLAVIAN

*Lord, who through-out these for-ty days
for us did fast and pray,
teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.*

*As you with Sa-tan did con-tend
and did the vic-tory win,
O give us strength to per-se-vere, in you to con-quer sin.*

*And through these days of pen-i-tence,
and through this Pas-sion-tide,
yes, ev-er-more, in life and death, O Lord, with us a-bide.*

*A-bide with us, till when this life
of suf-fering shall be past,
an Eas-ter of un-end-ing joy we may at-tain at last.*

* 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

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