



THE
HOLY
SPIRIT
FELL ON ALL
WHO HEARD
THE WORD.

ACTS 10:44, ESV

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.)
5th Sunday of Easter
May 15, 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: Alleluia, Christ is alive; let all the people praise him.

P: **Let all creation sing with joy. Alleluia!**

Prayer of Invocation

Let us pray:

Surprising God, in the resurrection of Jesus Christ
you make all things new.

Long ago you called your church to love
beyond all social and cultural differences
and gave them the gift of your Holy Spirit
to open their hearts to enact such love.

Give us that same spirit of openness,
that we too might discern new directions in our day
for your dream to reconcile and heal all creation.

In Jesus's name we pray. Amen.

*Glo-rious things of thee are spo-ken,
Zi-on, ci-ty of our God.
God, whose word can-not be bro-ken,
formed thee for a blest a-bode.
On the rock of a-ges found-ed,
what can shake thy sure re-pose?
With sal-va-tion's walls sur-round-ed,
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.*

*Round each hab-i-ta-tion hov-ering,
see the cloud and fire ap-pear
for a glo-ry and a cov-ering,
show-ing that the Lord is near.
Thus de-riv-ing from their ban-ner
light by night and shade by day,
safe they feed up-on the man-na
which God gives them when they pray.*

*See, the streams of liv-ing wa-ters,
spring-ing from e-ter-nal love,
well sup-ply thy sons and daugh-ters
and all fear of want re-move.
Who can faint while such a riv-er
ev-er flows, their thirst to as-suage?
Grace, so like the Lord the giv-er,
nev-er fails from age to age.*

* Call to Confession

Trusting in the love of God to make all things new,
let us confess our sin to God and our neighbor.

* Prayer of Confession

**God of mercy, your command to love one another
across all differences opens us to new horizons,
yet we often respond with fear and judgement
that hinders your goal for humanity.**

**Forgive our sins, we pray, and give us a true repentance
that leads to a life for all creation.**

We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

* Declaration of Forgiveness

God's promises are trustworthy and true; your sins are forgiven.

Be at peace to serve the Lord,

and may you always be known by your love.

* Sung Response No. 591 **"HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJAH!"**

Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lu-jah!

Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lu-jah!

Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lu-jah!

Hal-le-lu-yah! Hal-le-lu-yah!

THE WORD

Children's Moment

Choral Anthem

"AGNUS DEI"

Sonja Poorman

*Translation: Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us. Grant us peace.*

Prayer for Illumination

Let us pray:

O God of promise,

your word made flesh in Jesus Christ is trustworthy and true.

By the power of your Holy Spirit, may it rise up in us this day

like a gift from the spring of the water of life to refresh our thirsty souls.

Amen.

Readings from Scripture

Wisdom	Psalm 148	<i>(Praise for God's Universal Glory)</i>	Pg. 550
Gospel	John 13:31-35	<i>(The New Commandment)</i>	Pg. 102
History	Acts 10:44 – 11:18	<i>(Gentiles Receive the Holy Spirit)</i>	Pg. 122

Sermon

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

- * Affirmation of Faith Hymnal Pg. 38, Section 4
Holy Spirit portion of The Brief Statement of Faith, 1991,
The Book of Confessions, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.
The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.
In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks**

**and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

*With the words "O God of love,"
you are invited to respond **"Raise us to new life in Christ."***

In this season of Easter rejoicing,
let us offer our prayers and thanksgivings
for the church and the world saying,
O God of love, **Raise us to new life in Christ.**

For the well-being of your creation,
that we may promote its ability
to offer praise to you through spacious skies,
bountiful seas, verdant lands,
and precious creatures great and small.
O God of love, **Raise us to new life in Christ.**

For the life of the church,
that our generous witness may broaden your table
as all find a place to live and grow in love.
O God of love, **Raise us to new life in Christ.**

For the welfare of your world,
that all leaders and people young and old
will strive to live together in harmony
while serving the common good.
O God of love, **Raise us to new life in Christ.**

For all who suffer any violence, pain, or grief,
that they will know the comfort of your presence

as you wipe every tear from their eyes.
O God of love, **Raise us to new life in Christ.**

For the love made known to us in Jesus Christ
through this community,
for this and all other blessings we give you thanks and praise.
O God of love, **Raise us to new life in Christ.**

For all who have died,
that you will bring them to the fullness of your joy,
where mourning and pain will be no more.
O God of love, **Raise us to new life in Christ.**

For so many blessings, and for answered prayers,
we give you thanks through Jesus Christ,
in whose name 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.**

Call to Offering

"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.
Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."
Let us with gladness offer to God the gifts of our labor, life, and love.

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:

Loving God, we give you thanks

for the ministry of reconciliation to which you call us
in the name of Jesus Christ and his resurrection.

Accept these gifts for your mission to heal all creation.

May they be a testament to your love for us

as we share them in love for you; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

THE SENDING FORTH

* Hymn No. 300 “WE ARE ONE IN THE SPIRIT”

(They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love)

*We are one in the Spir-it; we are one in the Lord;
we are one in the Spir-it; we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all u-ni-ty may one day be re-stored:*

*And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.*

*We will walk with each oth-er; we will walk hand in hand;
we will walk with each oth-er; we will walk hand in hand;
and to-geth-er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:*

*And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our love;
Yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.*

*We will work with each oth-er; we will work side by side;
we will work with each oth-er; we will work side by side;
and we'll guard hu-man dig-ni-ty and save hu-man pride:*

*And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our love;
Yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.*

*All praise to the Fa-ther, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Je-sus, God's on-ly Son,
and all praise to the Spir-it who makes us one.*

*And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our love;
Yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.*

* Charge and Blessing

Jesus has loved us so that we may love others.

Go forth in peace to love and serve the Lord.

May God who has made you a new creation

give you the grace to grow in faith, hope, love, and justice.

* Sung Response No. 554 “AMEN” (THREEFOLD AMEN) LAND OF REST

A-men, a-men, a---men.

* Postlude

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“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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