



**Peace be with you.**  
AS THE FATHER HAS  
**SENT ME,**  
—EVEN SO I AM—  
**SENDING YOU.**

John 20:21, 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.)**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
**May 1, 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

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

L: Christ is risen!

**P: Christ is risen indeed!**

L: Alleluia! Celebrate God in this sacred space!  
Celebrate God in all places under heaven!

**P: Give praise for God's mighty deeds!**  
**Give praise for God's resurrecting power!**

L: Praise God with a fanfare of trumpets.

**P: Praise God with the harp and the cello!**

L: Praise God with tambourines and dancing!

**P: Praise God with flutes and guitars!**

L: Praise God with cymbals and drums!

**P: Let everything with life and breath praise God!**

Prayer of Invocation

Let us pray:

God of the Resurrection, you open the tomb  
and invite us to sing and dance in the new life you give us.

In Jesus Christ,

whose wounds are not erased but glorified in resurrection,  
touch our wounds that they may be transformed  
into channels of healing for others.

Holy Spirit, breathe into us the power to forgive  
so that all may have new life. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

\* Hymn No. 255      **“O SONS AND DAUGHTERS, LET US SING”**      O FILLI ET FILLIAE

*Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!*  
*Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!*

*O sons and daugh-ter, let us sing  
with heaven-ly hosts to Christ our King;  
to-day the grave has lost its sting!  
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!*

*That night the a-pos-tles met in fear;  
a-mong them came their Lord most dear,  
and said, “My peace be with you here.”  
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!*

*When Thom-as first the ti-dings heard,  
how they had seen the ris-en Lord,  
he doubt-ed the dis-ci-ples' word.  
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!*

*"My pierc-ed side, O Thom-as, see;  
and look up-on my hands, my feet;  
not faith-less, but be-live-ing be."  
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!*

*No longer Thomas then denied;  
he saw the feet, the hands, the side;  
"You are my Lord and God!" he cried.  
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!*

*How blest are they who have not seen,  
and yet whose faith has constant been,  
for they eternal life shall win.  
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!*

\* Call to Confession

When we keep our fears and faults locked up inside us,  
it is hard to be healed and receive new life.  
So let us open ourselves to God in confession,  
trusting the Lord's desire to give us peace.

\* Prayer of Confession

**God of the empty tomb and our empty hearts,  
when we are afraid to speak our faith in the world,  
forgive us and help us to find our voice.  
When we are afraid to forgive and to love again,  
forgive us and give us the power to forgive.  
When we are confined by our hurts,  
touch us with your wounded hands and set us free.  
When we are locked behind our doubts and fears,  
pass through our barricades, open our hearts,  
and give us peace. Amen.**

\* Declaration of Forgiveness

Christ comes with healing light  
into our locked places and shadowy hurts,  
resurrecting our spirits and breathing into us new life.  
As God's own forgiven people,  
go to bring peace, forgiveness, and new life to the world  
in the name of Jesus Christ.

\* Sung Response No. 581 "GLORY BE TO THE FATHER"

GLORIA PATRI

*Glo-ry be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Ghost;  
as it was in the begin-ning is now and ever shall be, world with-out end.  
A-men a-men.*

## THE WORD

Children's Moment

Choral Anthem

Prayer for Illumination  
Parish

Avery

Let us pray:

Living God,

as the risen Christ came into the locked room of the first disciples,  
may your Word enter into us, by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
so that we who have not seen may yet believe. Amen.

Readings from Scripture

Psalter	Psalm 118:14-29	<i>(A Song of Victory)</i>	Pg. 534
Prophecies	Revelation 1:4-8	<i>(Introduction &amp; Salutation)</i>	Pg. 230
Gospel	John 20:19-31	<i>(Jesus Appears to the Disciples)</i>	Pg. 108

Sermon

The Reverend Nancy Coleman

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\* Affirmation of Faith Hymnal Pg. 37, Sections 1-2  
*God portion of The Brief Statement of Faith, 1991,*  
*The Book of Confessions, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*

**We trust in God,**

**whom Jesus called Abba, Father.**

**In sovereign love God created the world good**

**and makes everyone equally in God's image**

**male and female, of every race and people,**

**to live as one community.**

**But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.**

**Ignoring God's commandments,**

**we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,**

**accept lies as truth,**

exploit neighbor and nature,  
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.  
We deserve God's condemnation.  
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.  
In everlasting love,  
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people  
to bless all families of the earth.  
Hearing their cry,  
God delivered the children of Israel  
from the house of bondage.  
Loving us still,  
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.  
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,  
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,  
God is faithful still.

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

*With the words "As you sent Christ," you are invited to respond "**now send us**"*

Holy One, you have made us and redeemed us  
through Christ to be your kingdom and your priests,  
serving you and your dominion forever and ever.  
Help us to be wounded healers who bring your peace into the world.  
As you sent Christ, **now send us.**

We pray for the church around the world in all its local expressions,  
that we and our leaders may truly be your kingdom and your priests,  
serving not ourselves but your glory and your dominion.  
As you sent Christ, **now send us.**

We pray for those who cannot see you and yet desire to believe.  
We pray for religious and secular authorities who speak truth to power.  
As you sent Christ, **now send us.**

We pray for those who need healing and hope,  
who cannot see the possibility of new life.  
We pray for those in our world who are wounded,  
those who suffer from war, oppression, famine, and disease.  
As you sent Christ, **now send us.**

God who is and was and is to be, be for us the Alpha and Omega,  
the beginning and the end, the Almighty.  
Grant that we might be your forgiveness, your peace,  
and your resurrecting good news, through Jesus Christ,  
your faithful witness and our Lord, the firstborn of the dead  
and the ruler of all the kings of the earth, who taught us to pray, saying...

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

Call to Offering

God gives new life to all that is, including ourselves  
and all that sustains us.

So let our tithes and offerings be our songs of praise and thanksgiving  
in response to the God who loves us and frees us!

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

Let us pray:

Holy One, bless our offerings and transform them  
into healing for the wounded, hope for the disheartened,  
courage for the frightened, and faith for the embittered.

In the name of Jesus Christ, your faithful witness,  
the first resurrected, and ruler of the sovereigns of the earth. Amen.

THE SENDING FORTH

\* Hymn No. 366

**“LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING”**

HYFRYDOL

*Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling,  
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy hum-ble dwell-ing;  
all thy faith-ful mer-cies crown.  
Je-sus, thou art all com-pas-sion,  
pure, un-bound-ed love thou art;  
vis-it us with thy sal-va-tion;  
en-ter ev-ery tremb-ling heart.*

*Breathe, O breathe thy lov-ing Spir-it  
into ev'ry trou-bled breast;  
let us all in thee in-her-it,  
let us find the prom-ised rest.  
Take a-way the love of sin-ning;  
Al-pha and O-me-ga be;  
end of faith, as its beginning,  
set our hearts at lib-er-ty.*

*Come, A-lmight-y, to de-liv-er;  
let us all thy life re-ceive;  
sud-den-ly re-turn, and never,  
never more thy tem-ples leave.*



*Thee we would be al-ways bless-ing,  
serve thee as thy hosts a-bove,  
pray, and praise thee with-out ceas-ing,  
glo-ry in thy per-fect love.*

*Fin-ish then thy new cre-a-tion;  
pure and spot-less let us be;  
let us see thy great sal-va-tion  
per-fect-ly re-stored in thee:  
changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns be-fore thee,  
lost in won-der, love and praise.*

\* Charge and Benediction

Go to celebrate all that God has done.

As Christ breathes new life into you, may you be filled  
with the grace and peace of the God who was, and is, and is to come,  
and with the Spirit of Jesus Christ, God's faithful witness,  
who loves us and sets us free. Amen.

\* Sung Response No. 765 "SONG OF HOPE"

ARGENTINA

*May the God of hope go with us ev-ery day,  
fill-ing all our lives with love and joy and peace.*

*May the God of jus-tice speed us on our way,  
bring-ing light and hope to ev-ery land and race.*

*Pray-ing, let us work for peace, sing-ing, share our joy with all,  
work-ing for a world that's new, faith-ful when we hear Christ's call.*

\* Postlude

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“O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing”

“Glory Be to the Father”

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

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