



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.)
7th Sunday of Easter
May 29, 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: The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."

P: Let everyone who is thirsty come.

L: Let everyone who hears say, "Come."

P: Let everyone who is thirsty come.

L: Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

P: Let everyone who is thirsty come.

L: Come to the tree of life, the Alpha and the Omega.

P: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Prayer of Invocation

Let us pray:

O God, who opens our prison doors and releases us from our faults,
keep us near to you in the hours of each day
that by the power of the prayer Jesus prays for us
and the light of your Word
we might drink of your living water, know true joy,
and serve you to the end of time. Amen.

* Hymn No. 394 “CHRIST IS MADE THE SURE FOUNDATION” WESTMINSTER ABBEY

*Christ is made the sure foun-da-tion,
Christ the head and cor-ner-stone,
cho-sen of the Lord and pre-cious,
bind-ing all the church in one;
ho-ly Zi-on’s help for-ev-er,
and our con-fi-dence alone.*

*To this tem-ple, where we call you,
come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;
come, with all your lov-ing-kind-ness;
hear your peo-ple as we pray,
and your full-est ben-e-dic-tion
shed with-in these walls to-day.*

*Here be-stow on all your ser-vants
what they seek from you to gain;
what they gain from you, for-ev-er
with the bless-ed to re-tain;
and here-af-ter in your glo-ry
ev-er-more with you to reign.
Laud and hon-or to the Fa-ther,
laud and hon-or to the Son,
laud and hon-or to the Spir-it,
ev-er three and ev-er one:
one in might and one in glo-ry
while un-end-ing a-ges run!*

* Call to Confession

Trusting in the promise of grace,
let us tell the whole truth about ourselves
and beg God’s mercy for the renewal and amendment of our lives.

* Prayer of Confession

Gracious Power,

**you call us to your everlasting springs
to be drenched and reformed,
but we fail to heed you.**

**We do not turn with love to our neighbors
to ourselves, or to you.**

**Forgive us for our failings,
shield us from our due,
and guide us into unity with all
for the sake of the whole world. Amen.**

* Declaration of Forgiveness

In the compassion of the God who prays for us,
with us, and in us,
you are forgiven,
for the sake of the one who was sent
to show us the face of love
and who died and rose,
one with the Father and with us.

* 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

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God,

whose voice is heard in the thunder and in the silence,
speak to us now, by the power of your Spirit,
that we may hear your word for us today.

In Jesus' name we ask it. Amen.

Readings from Scripture

Wisdom	Psalm 97	<i>(The Glory of God's Reign)</i>	Pg. 521
Gospel	John 17:20-26	<i>(Jesus Prays for His Disciples)</i>	Pg. 105
History	Acts 16:16-34	<i>(Paul and Silas in Prison)</i>	Pg. 128

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!"**

Minute for Mission

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

*With the words "Holy God,"
you are invited to respond "**hear our prayer.**"*

Our Lord Jesus prayed for us that we might be one.
Let us pray as one for the needs of the world, for the church,
and for all with whom Jesus desires our unity, saying,
Holy God, **hear our prayer.**

God, our lifeblood and our light,
you show us your new creation every day.
You feed and clothe us and give us joy in your good earth.
We praise you—our home and our true blessing.
Holy God, **hear our prayer.**

For unity among all peoples—
the body of Christ, rent by conflict, that we may be one;
for people of all faiths to honor one another;
and for the end to religious wars.
Holy God, **hear our prayer.**

For peace among nations, between tribes,
on school yards, in academic halls,
within legislative bodies, and around kitchen tables in every home.
Holy God, **hear our prayer.**

For the church's mission to proclaim the good news,
that the world might know you;
may the new life possible in faith
break open all people to love one another.
Holy God, **hear our prayer.**

For the well-being of the earth and its creatures;
for the oceans and rivers, heavens and depths, soil and dust;
for plants and fish and birds and mammals,
who together with ourselves are fed and blessed each day
by the air, food, and water you provide.
Holy God, **hear our prayer.**

For all people who cry out to you in this hardened time;
for people who do not have work, those who have no safety net;
those without dining tables or beds;
those who do not have enough food.
Holy God, **hear our prayer.**

For those concerns we name now silently or aloud . . .
[A time of silence is kept.]
Holy God, **hear our prayer.**

For the saints of all times and places,
by whose faith and hope we have been nurtured
in accord with Jesus' prayer for his people
and our prayers for each other.
Holy God, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, Gracious God,
we pray all these things,
asking you to hear our thanksgivings and our pleas,
knowing you hear more than we can say
and will grant what is needed; in Jesus' name. 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

Give now with generous hearts
that all people may hear God's Word
and be helped by the work of this church.

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:
Eternal God, who brings joy out of sorrow,
plenty out of want, life out of death:
we thank you for the treasures of the earth,

your creation, filled with your blessing,
for it was in company with these earthly things
that your Son came to dwell,
showing us the enormity of your love.
Because of Jesus' resurrection from the dead,
we, too, are brought to new life,
called to pray and work for the renewal of others.
Take these offerings for the sake of the one without whom
our poverty would be extreme,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SENDING FORTH

* Hymn No. 365 **“GOD REIGNS! LET EARTH REJOICE”**

MARION

*God reigns! Let earth re-joyce!
Let o-ceans shout God's might!
Borne up by truth and righ-teous-ness,
God's throne is our de-light.
Re-joyce! Re-joyce! God reigns!
Let earth re-joyce!*

*God's fire ig-nites the clouds
with judg-ment swift and just;
the e-vil find their deeds in vain;
God's foes are brought to dust.
Re-joyce! Re-joyce! God reigns!
Let earth re-joyce!*

*False i-dols rise to claim
the weak-ness of our pride,
but can-not touch the faith-ful ones,
for God stands at our side.
Re-joyce! Re-joyce! God reigns!
Let earth re-joyce!*

*The ra-diance of God's light
beams joy in-to our days;
now filled with God's own peace and love,
our hearts re-sound with praise.
Re-joice! Re-joice! God reigns!
Let earth re-joice!*

* Charge and Blessing

Your chains are broken; your prison doors are open.
Go forth, then, with joy to live as one
with the God who sends you out.

Let the hope that is in you, free you daily
that through you, the Holy Spirit may free others.

Now may the power that is in Christ Jesus,
the strength of the Holy Spirit to baptize and save,
and the fierce love of God, the Creator,
keep you in grace and truth.

* Sung Response No. 554 “AMEN” (THREEFOLD AMEN) LAND OF REST
A-men, a-men, a---men.

* Postlude

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