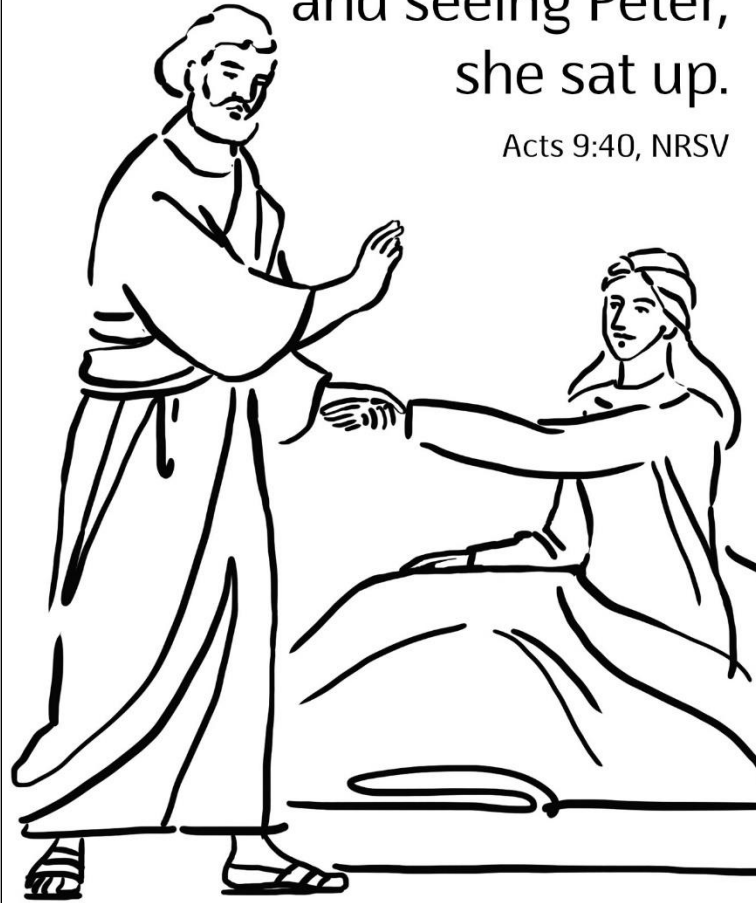


Then she
opened her eyes,
and seeing Peter,
she sat up.

Acts 9:40, NRSV



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.)
4th Sunday of Easter
May 8, 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 risen!

P: The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!

L: Blessing and honor is yours, O God.

P: Glory to God forever. Alleluia!

Prayer of Invocation

Let us pray:

Almighty God, to whom all honor belongs,
you have gathered a people from every tribe and language
to praise your name eternally.

Join our song with all of heaven as we worship you this day
in the glorious light of Christ. Amen.

* Hymn No. 268

“CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS”

DIADEMATA

*Crown him with man-y crowns, the Lamb up-on his throne;
hark, how the heav-en-ly an-them drowns all mu-sic but its own!
A-wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy match-less King through all e-ter-ni-ty.*

*Crown him the Lord of love; be-hold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet vis-i-ble a-bove, in beau-ty glo-ri-fied:
no an-gel in the sky can ful-ly bear that sight,
but down-ward bends his burn-ing eye at mys-ter-ies so bright.*

*Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scep-ter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab-sorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end; and round his pierc-ed feet
fair flowers of par-a-dise ex-tend their fra-grance ev-er sweet.*

*Crown him the Lord of years, the po-ten-tate of time;
cre-a-tor of the roll-ing spheres, in-ef-fa-bly sub-lime.
All hail, Re-deem-er, hail! For thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall nev-er, nev-er fail through-out e-ter-ni-ty.*

* Call to Confession

God is present to guide our journey and eager to forgive us
when we go astray; therefore, in humility and faith,
let us confess our sins against God and neighbor.

* Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, we confess that we have strayed
from your paths of right relationship and peace,
and we have dishonored you, ourselves, and your creation;
we repent of these hurtful ways.
Forgive us, we pray, as we learn to forgive others,
and guide our feet into the way of peace. Amen.**

* Assurance of Forgiveness

God's mercy overflows as a healing spring to cleanse us of our offenses;
therefore, know that you are forgiven and receive new life in Christ.

* 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

Let us pray:

Shepherd of Souls,

you call us to an abundant feast at the table of your word;

open our hearts to feed on your goodness,

that by the power of the Holy spirit

we might dwell evermore deeply in you. Amen.

Readings from Scripture

Wisdom	Psalm 23	<i>(The Divine Shepherd)</i>	Pg. 474
Gospel	John 10:22-30	<i>(Jesus Is Rejected by the Jews)</i>	Pg. 98
History	Acts 9:36-43	<i>(Peter in Lydda and Joppa)</i>	Pg. 120

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 Risen Christ,"
you are invited to respond "**Open our eyes to your mercy in the world.**"*

In this season of Easter rejoicing,
let us offer our prayers and thanksgivings.

O Risen Christ, **Open our eyes to your mercy in the world.**

For the goodness of the earth,
that it may flourish with flowing waters, verdant pastures,
and paths that lead us to protect and care for your creation.
O Risen Christ, **Open our eyes to your mercy in the world.**

For the peace and welfare of the world,
that all our tables of work and worship
promote the understanding and dignity
that transform enemies into friends.
O Risen Christ, **Open our eyes to your mercy in the world.**

For all who suffer with sickness, need, or danger,
that all our afflictions and fears are met with healing
and the comforting presence of your voice.

O Risen Christ, **Open our eyes to your mercy in the world.**

For the blessings we receive and share,
that we may live a life of ceaseless praise
for the salvation that is ours through you.

O Risen Christ, **Open our eyes to your mercy in the world.**

For the saints in light, that you will wipe every tear from their eyes
as they dwell with you eternally.

O Risen Christ, **Open our eyes to your mercy in the world.**

Holy God, you are our hope and our strength,
our light and our sovereign, our shepherd and our savior.
With all the saints in heaven and on earth,
we praise your holy name and entrust every care to you;
through Jesus Christ 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

"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want."

Trusting in divine care, let us present our tithes and offerings to God
who restores our lives eternally.

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

Holy God, Divine Shepherd, you anoint us with the oil of gladness;
your love overflows our hearts.

Accept our offering for the good of the world
as we joyfully give thanks for our life in you.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

THE SENDING FORTH

* Hymn No. 324

“FOR ALL THE FAITHFUL WOMEN”

NYLAND

(verses 1, 3 & 4)

*For all the faith-ful wom-en who served in days of old,
to you shall thanks be giv-en; to all, their sto-ry told.
They served with strength and glad-ness in tasks your wis-dom gave.
To you their lives bore wit-ness, pro-claimed your power to save.*

*We sing of bus-y Mar-tha, who toiled with pot and pan
while Mar-y sat in si-lence to hear the word a-gain.
We praise the oth-er Mar-y, who has-tened to the tomb
and found her Lord a-ris-en, dis-pel-ling doubt and gloom.*

*Lord, hear our praise of Dor-cas, who served the sick and poor.
Her hands were cups of kind-ness, her heart an o-pen door.
O God, for saints and ser-vants, our fer-vent prayer we raise,
that, faith-ful in your ser-vice, our lives may sing your praise.*

* Benediction

Go forth to follow paths of righteousness;
go forth to follow paths of peace;
and may God's goodness and mercy follow you
as you serve the risen Lord.

May Christ the Good Shepherd bless and guide you this day and always.

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

* Postlude

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