



*And if
you belong to
Christ, then you
are Abraham's
offspring, heirs
according to
the promise.*

Galatians 3:29, 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.)
23rd Sunday after Pentecost
November 13, 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: There is no longer Jew or Greek

P: There is no longer slave or free,

L: There is no longer male and female:
for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.

P: We are children of God through faith.

Prayer of Invocation

Living God, you call us to yourself

so that we may live in wholeness with ourselves and our neighbors.

Set us free to rejoice in your saving word,
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

* Hymn No. 2

“COME, THOU ALMIGHTY KING”

ITALIAN HYMN

*Come, thou al-might-y King,
help us thy name to sing; help us to praise:
Fa-ther, all glo-ri-ous, o'er all vic-to-ri-ous,
come, and reign o-ver us, An-cient of Days.*

*Come, thou in-car-nate Word,
mer-ci-ful, might-y Lord, our prayer at-tend.
Come, and thy peo-ple bless, and give thy word suc-cess;
Spir-it of ho-li-ness, on us de-scend.!*

*Come, ho-ly Com-fort-er,
thy sa-cred wit-ness bear in this glad hour.
Thou who al-might-y art, now rule in ev-ery heart,
and ne'er from us de-part, Spir-it of power.*

*To thee, great One in Three,
e-ter-nal prais-es be, hence ev-er-more!
Thy sov-ereign maj-es-ty may we in glo-ry see,
and to e-ter-ni-ty love and a-dore.*

* Call to Confession

Many people brought their greatest needs to Jesus,
certain that he would help them.
With that same confidence, let us confess our failings
and seek forgiveness.

* Corporate Prayer of Confession

**Almighty and compassionate God,
every day, in our desire to
attain our wants,
avoid discomfort,
and shun those we do not know or love,
we show ourselves to be unworthy of your gifts of life.
Of this we are sorely aware,
and we ask your power to renew us in body and spirit,
that we will be able, through your help,
to walk in the way you intend for us.
Forgive us and lead us, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

* Hymn No. 572

“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY”

SANCTUS

*Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry.*

Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho-san-na in the high-est.

* Declaration of Forgiveness

Just as Jesus made the deaf to hear and the mute to speak,
our merciful God lifts our burdens from us,
removes the failures of our past, and turns us to new life.
You are forgiven.
Walk in peace.

* Sung Response No. 595

“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY”

ARGENTINE SANTO

*Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly. My heart, my heart a-dores you!
My heart knows how to say to you: you are ho-ly Lord!*

THE WORD

Children’s Moment

Choral Anthem

Prayer for Illumination

Let us pray:

God of love,

you show your people how to be truly rich in faith,
through the gifts you give when least hoped for or expected.

Come to your people today with words of both judgment and mercy,
that we may be fed from the bread of life.

We pray this in your holy triune name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
one God, Mother of us all. Amen.

Readings from Scripture

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| Wisdom | Psalm 146 | <i>(Praise for God's Help)</i> | Pg. 549 |
| Gospel | Mark 7:24-30 | <i>(The Syrophenician Woman's Faith)</i> | Pg. 40 |
| Epistle | Galatians 3:23-29 | <i>(The Purpose of the Law)</i> | Pg. 178 |

Sermon "All Are One in Christ"

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* Affirmation of Faith

Adapted from the Confession of 1967
9.17 & 9.32–33

**The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ
has set the pattern for the church's mission.
His human life involves the church in the common life of all people.
His service to men and women
commits the church to work for every form of human well-being.
His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering
so that it sees the face of Christ
in the faces of persons in every kind of need.
His crucifixion discloses to the church
God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations,
and the awful consequences
of the church's own complicity in injustice.
In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming,
the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society
and of God's victory over all wrong.
The church follows this pattern in the form of its life
and in the method of its action.
So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.
Life is a gift to be received with gratitude
and a task to be pursued with courage.
People are free to seek life within the purpose of God:**

**to develop and protect the resources of nature
for the common welfare,
to work for justice and peace in society,
and in other ways to use their creative powers
for the fulfillment of human life.**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

With the words "Hear us, O God"
you are invited to respond "for your mercy is great."

Confident that God hears us and knows our needs,
let us pray for all creation, saying,
Hear us, O God, **for your mercy is great.**

Gracious healer, you visit us when we are in pain and worry.
You spread your hands on our wounds.
You speak to demons.
You bring peace and freedom.
Visit your churches and synagogues, mosques and ashrams,
monastic cells and places of prayer in every land
for the well-being of all people of faith. Make us one.
Hear us, O God, **for your mercy is great.**

Creator of beauty and surprising complexity,
we long for the wisdom we need in order to cherish this earth.
Give us the vision to see what you have made—
vast expanses of prairie, forests dark and thick,
oceans full of wondrous creatures,
and the heavens bigger than our imaginations.
Show us how to keep your gifts as good stewards.
Hear us, O God, **for your mercy is great.**

Liberator of the captive, you know the failings of the nations
when we turn our friends and neighbors into enemies.
Free our lands from despotic rulers, tricksters,
people who lie for personal gain, and those who wield hate speech.
Give courage and perseverance to those
who are weary of the struggles for justice
so that new life and strength will infuse their tired bones.
Hear us, O God, **for your mercy is great.**

Almighty one, you heard the cry of the Syrophoenician woman
and you answered her distress with a word.
Say the word again today and relieve the suffering of your people.
We pray especially for ...
and those we name now aloud or in our hearts. [*silence*]
Hear us, O God, **for your mercy is great.**

For those who have helped us know you, we give you thanks.
Hear us, O God, **for your mercy is great.**

Into your hands we place the welfare of all creation,
in the name of the one whose life, death, resurrection,
and ascension is our own life, Christ Jesus. Amen.

Let us pray for God's rule on earth as Jesus taught us:

The Lord's Prayer (*sin / 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

For the healing of this world,
let us now bring forth our tithes and offerings.

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

Receive our thanks, O God,
for your gifts of life, means, and time.
We treasure your offerings and, small as our return giving may be,
welcome it for the sake of those in need
and for the furtherance of your witness in this world.
Make us daily more grateful for all we have been given,
in Jesus' name. 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

Friends, in Christ there is no longer Jew or Greek, no longer slave or free,
no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.

Go now to live out this reality in the world.

And as you go, may the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. Amen.

* Sung Response No. 748

“GO WITH US LORD”

TALLIS' CANON

*Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and ev-ery com-ing day,
that in your Spir-it strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.*

* Postlude

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