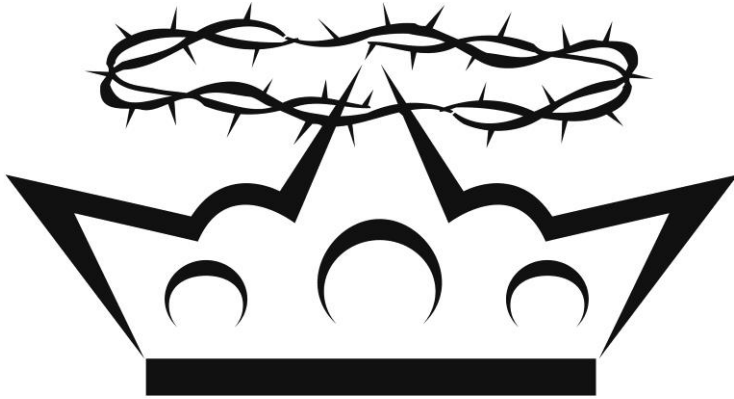


# Bethel Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

~ a community of faith coming together,  
for fellowship, study and service . . .  
seeking God's peace, justice and love ~



## CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

### **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.)  
Christ the King Sunday  
November 20, 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: God established the world from of old.

**P: God's reign shall never end.**

L: God delivered us in freedom and truth.

**P: God's love is everlasting.**

Prayer of Invocation

Eternal God, Jesus taught that true power is made known in service:  
we are to love you, our neighbors, and ourselves  
as we reveal your reign of peace.

Give us the will to do this work and the grace that we may accomplish it;  
with you, in Christ, and through the Holy Spirit,  
on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

\* Hymn No. 645

**“SING PRAISE TO GOD, WHO REIGNS ABOVE”**

*Sing praise to God who reigns a-bove,  
the God of all cre-a-tion,  
the God of power, the God of love,  
the God of our sal-va-tion.  
With heal-ing balm my soul is filled,  
and ev-ery faith-less mur-mur stilled:  
to God all praise and glo-ry.*

*What God’s al-might-y power has made,  
God’s gra-cious mercy keep-eth;  
by morn-ing glow or eve-ning shade  
God’s watch-ful eye ne’er sleep-eth.  
With-in the king-dom of God’s might,  
Lo! all is just and all is right:  
to God all praise and glo-ry.*

*The Lord is nev-er far a-way,  
but, through all grief dis-tress-ing,  
an ev-er-pres-ent help and stay,  
our peace and joy and bless-ing,  
as with a moth-er’s ten-der hand  
God gent-ly leads the cho-sen band:  
to God all praise and glo-ry.*

*Thus all my toil-some way a-long  
I sing a-loud thy praises,  
that all may hear the grate-ful song  
my voice un-wea-ried rais-es.  
Be joy-ful in the Lord, my heart;  
both soul and bod-y, take your part:  
to God all praise and glory!*

\* Call to Confession

Jesus loves us and frees us from our sins;  
therefore, let us confess our sins to God.

\* Corporate Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, how often we trust in the promises of earthly rulers  
instead of the power of your love;  
help us to turn our hearts toward you.  
Restore us in your love, and set us free  
to forgive as we have been forgiven,  
by the grace and mercy of Christ. 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

Sisters and brothers, God loves us, forgives us,  
and frees us from our sins; therefore be at 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:

Come, Holy Spirit; open our hearts to receive a word of truth,  
then set us free to follow in the power of Christ’s love. Amen.

Readings from Scripture

Wisdom	Psalm 93	<i>(The Majesty of God's Rule)</i>	Pg. 519
Gospel	John 18:33-37	<i>(Jesus before Pilate)</i>	Pg. 106
Prophecies	Revelation 1:4b-8	<i>(Introduction and Salutation)</i>	Pg. 230

Sermon "The Alpha and the Omega"

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\* Affirmation of Faith

**This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand,  
and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast:  
that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures,  
that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day,  
and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter,  
and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.**

**We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.  
Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end;  
he is our Lord and our God. Amen.**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Almighty God, you have exalted Jesus over all creation  
to lead us into truth.

Receive the prayers we offer in his name  
and for the world you so dearly love.

Give wisdom to all leaders and people  
to resist the earthly powers that destroy our common life;  
guide us in the way of peace.

Bring unity of mission to your church  
and fill us with a joy for your gospel  
as we invite others into your reign.

Enfold all who suffer in body, mind, or soul  
into the comfort of your healing,  
and enable us to extend our arms in kindness as witness to your love.

Eternal God, our beginning and our end,  
we remember those who are dying and have died;  
may they know the joy of your never-ending realm of peace.

Sovereign God, you sent Jesus  
to inaugurate a world of justice and peace  
through the power of your Spirit.  
May the words we pray be more than words this day;  
let our lives reveal your love. 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

Jesus said, Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.

Heeding his word with grateful hearts, let us bring our offerings to God.

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

Holy God, you call us from every tribe,  
language, people, and nation  
to share in your everlasting kingdom.  
Bless these gifts that we offer  
that we may extend your blessing to others,  
in Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

#### THE SENDING FORTH

\* Hymn No. 647

“GIVE THANKS”

*Give thanks with a grate-ful heart;  
give thanks to the Ho-ly One;  
give thanks be-cause we’re giv-en Je-sus Christ, the Son.*

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give thanks to the Ho-ly One;  
give thanks be-cause we’re giv-en Je-sus Christ, the Son.*

*And now let the weak say, “We are strong”;  
let the poor say, “We are rich  
be-cause of what the Lord has done for us!”*

*And now let the weak say, “We are strong”;  
let the poor say, “We are rich  
be-cause of what the Lord has done for us”*

*Give thanks. Give thanks.*

\* Charge and Blessing

God has made us to be a kingdom of priests  
to love God and serve the world.

Go in peace to love and serve.

May the blessing of God,

the One who creates, redeems, and restores,  
be with you now and always.

\* 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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