

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..."

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The Service for the Lord's Day Bethel Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Communion Sunday / 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time November 6, 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: O come, let us sing to the Lord;

P: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

L: For the Lord is a great God;

P: a great ruler over heaven and earth!

Prayer of Invocation

Let us pray:

Almighty God, you raised Christ from the dead and established him as Lord over every rebellious power.

Give us grace to serve him wisely and faithfully that the world may see his glorious inheritance among the saints and recognize the freedom of joyful obedience in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly! Lord God Al-might-y!
Ear-ly in the morn-ing our song shall rise to thee.
Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly! mer-ci-ful and might-y!
God in three per-sons, bless-ed Trin-i-ty!

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly! all the saints a-dore thee, cast-ing down their gold-en crowns a-round the glass-y sea; cher-u-bim and ser-a-phim fall-ing down be-fore thee, who wert, and art, and ev-er-more shalt be.

Ho-ly, ho-ly! though the dark-ness hide thee, though the eye of sin-ful-ness thy glo-ry may not see, on-ly thou art ho-ly; there is none be-side thee, per-fect in power, in love, and pu-ri-ty.

Ho-ly, ho-ly! Lord God Al-might-y!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky and sea.
Ho-ly, ho-ly! mer-ci-ful and might-y!
God in three per-sons, bless-ed Trin-i-ty!

* Call to Confession
With sincere and repentant hearts,
let us name our sins against Christ and one another.

* Corporate Prayer of Confession

* Hymn No. 1

Lord Jesus, Judge of the nations: We confess that we have not seen your face among our neighbors in need.

We have not shared our food with the hungry; we have not offered clothes to the destitute or shelter to the homeless.

We have not welcomed the stranger, nor have we visited prisoners.

We have not paid attention to these, your sisters and brothers, and in our neglect we have failed to serve you.

Lord, forgive us; open our eyes to recognize your beloved family, and give us the blessing of sincere repentance that we may know the joy of eternal life with you and all the saints in this world and in the world to come. 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

Brothers and sisters,

God seeks the lost sheep and feeds them with justice.

Forgiven and freed,

turn, then, and live in Christ, our Lord.

* 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:

Lord, open the eyes of our hearts by the power of your Spirit, that we may know the hope to which we have been called in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Readings from Scripture

Wisdom Psalm 95 (A Call to Worship and Obedience) Pg. 520 Epistle Ephesians 1:15-23 (Paul's Prayer) Pg. 181 Gospel Matthew 25:31-46 (The Judgement of the Nations) Pg. 27

Sermon "The Least of These"

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* Affirmation of Faith Apostles' Creed (Trad.) Hymnal - pg. 35I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Call to Offering

God holds the depths of the earth and the heights of the mountains, the sea and the dry land.

Let us offer our gifts to God, our Maker.

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

Almighty God,

we give you thanks and praise for your love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Accept our offering in union with Christ's offering for us.

Confirm in us the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, that we may testify to the sovereignty of his love.

Through Christ, with the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

* Hymn No. 186 "COME NOW, YOU BLESSED, EAT AT MY TABLE"

"Come now, you bless-ed, eat at my ta-ble," said Je-sus Christ to the righ-teous a-bove. "When I was hun-gry, thirst-y and home-less, sick and in pris-on, you showed me you love."

When did we see you hun-gry or thirst-y?
When were you home-less, a strang-er a-lone?
When did we see you sick or in pris-on?
What have we done that you call us your own?

"When you gave bread to earth's hun-gry chil-dren, when you gave shel-ter to war's ref-u-gees, when you re-mem-bered those most for-got-ten, you cared for me in the small-est of these."

Christ, when we see you out on life's road-ways, look-ing to us in the fac-es of need, then may we know you, wel-come, and show you love that is faith-ful in word and in deed.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Jesus said:

Behold, I stand at the door and knock;

if those who hear my voice open the door,

I will come in to them and eat with them, and they with me.

O taste and see that the Lord is good!

Happy are all who find refuge in God!

This is the Lord's table.

Our Savior invites all who trust him to share the feast which he has prepared.

Great Thanksgiving (L = Leader, P = People)

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them up to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God we praise you.

Let the heavens be joyful, let the earth be glad.

We bless you for creating the whole world,

for your promises to your people Israel,

and for Jesus Christ in whom your fullness dwells.

Born of Mary, he shares our life.

Eating with sinners, he welcomes us.

Guiding his children, he leads us. Visiting the sick, he heals us.

Dying on the cross, he saves us.

Risen from the dead, he gives new life.

Living with you, he prays for us.

Holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

With thanksgiving we take this bread and this cup and proclaim the death and resurrection of our Lord. Receive our sacrifice of praise.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us that this meal may be a communion in the body and blood of our Lord. Make us one with Christ and with all who share this feast. Unite us in faith, encourage us with hope, inspire us to love, that we may serve as your faithful disciples until we feast at your table in glory.

We praise you eternal God, through Christ your Word made flesh

We praise you, eternal God, through Christ your Word made flesh, in the holy and life-giving Spirit, now and forever more. Amen.

And now, with the confidence of the children of God, let us pray:

Lord's Prayer ("sins ...sin against us")

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.

Words of Institution

(Breaking Bread)

The Lord Jesus on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and after giving thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat. This is my body, given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.

(Pouring Wine)

In the same way Jesus took the cup, saying:

This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord, until he comes.

Brothers and sisters, the gifts of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God. (*Nod to ushers*)

Distribution of the Elements

(Ushers give out bread and juice to congregation, to choir, to liturgist, to pianist, and to presider. Presider gives bread to ushers.

When all has been distributed, the presider speaks these words:)

The body of Christ, given for you. (*Eat bread*). The blood of Christ, shed for you. (*Drink juice*).

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Prayer after Communion

We thank you, O God,

that through Word and Sacrament you have given us your Son, who is the true bread from heaven and food of eternal life.

So strengthen us in your service that our daily living may show our thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SENDING FORTH

* Hymn No. 767

"TOGETHER WE SERVE"

To-geth-er we serve, u-nit-ed by love, in-vit-ing God's world to the glo-ri-ous feast. We work and we pray through sor-row and joy, ex-tend-ing God's love to the last and the least.

We seek to be-come a bea-con of hope, a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet. We learn, year by year, to let love shine through un-til we see Christ in each per-son we meet.

We wel-come the scarred, the wealth-y, the poor, the bus-y, the lone-ly, and all who need care. We of-fer a home to those who will come, our hands quick to help, our hearts read-y to dare.

To-geth-er, by grace, we wit-ness and work, re-mem-be-ing Je-sus, in whom we grow strong.

To-geth-er we serve in Spir-it and truth, re-mem-ber-ing love is the strength of our song.

* Charge and Blessing

Now go to see the face of Christ in the faces of those in need, go to be the hands of Christ to the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the sick, and the prisoner.

And as you go, my the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. 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.

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