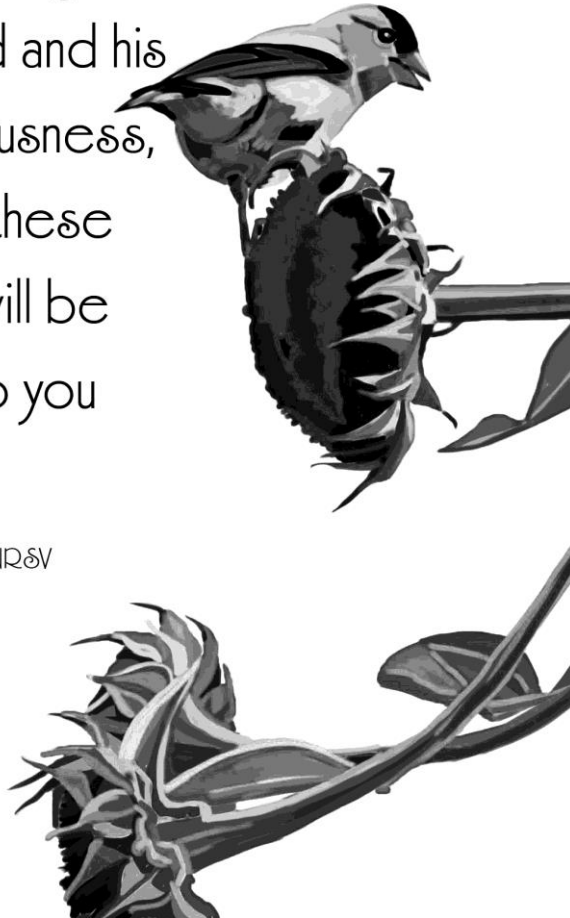


Strive first  
for the kingdom  
of God and his  
righteousness,  
and all these  
things will be  
given to you  
as well.

Matthew 6:33, NR&V



**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.)  
Peace and Global Witness Offering  
October 3, 2021 - 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: Taste and see that the Lord is good!

**P: Happy are those who rest in God.**

L: Come and listen, children of God.

**P: Teach us the way of truth and life.**

L: Let us depart from evil and do good.

**P: Let us seek peace and pursue it.**

Prayer of Invocation

Let us pray:

Spirit of the living God, though we are many,  
we have come together with one purpose—

to worship you with scripture and song, with silence and sacrament.

We witness that we are members of one another

and wait for your word spoken clearly in our midst.

May your presence be among us in this hour: touch us with tenderness  
and strengthen us into commitment,  
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

*God is here! As we your peo-ple  
meet to of-fer praise and prayer,  
may we find in full-er mea-sure  
what it is in Christ we share.  
Here, as in the world a-round us,  
all our var-ied skills and arts  
wait the com-ing of the Spir-it  
in-to o-pen minds and hearts.*

*Here are sym-bols to re-mind us  
of our life-long need of grace;  
here are ta-ble, font, and pul-pit;  
here the cross has cen-tral place.  
Here in hon-es-ty of preach-ing,  
here in si-lence, as in speech,  
here, in new-ness and re-new-al,  
God the Spir-it comes to each.*

*Here our chil-dren find a wel-come  
in the Shep-herd's flock and fold;  
here as bread and wine are tak-en,  
Christ sus-tains us as of old.  
Here the ser-vants of the Ser-vant  
seek in wor-ship to ex-plore  
what it means in dai-ly liv-ing  
to be-lieve and to a-dore.*

*Lord of all, of church and king-dom, in an age of change and doubt  
keep us faith-ful to the gos-pel; help us work your pur-pose out.  
Here, in this day's ded-i-ca-tion, all we have to give, re-ceive:  
we, who can-not live with-out you, we a-dore you! We be-lieve.*

\* Call to Confession

By grace we have been saved through faith;  
and this is not our own doing; it is a gift from God.  
Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

\* Prayer of Confession

**God of every people and nation,  
we confess that we have not lived as global citizens  
in your new realm of justice and peace.  
We build up dividing walls in the world.  
We contribute to division in the church.  
We ignore the suffering in distant nations  
and live in fear of our closest neighbors.  
Forgive us, God of grace.  
Pour out your Spirit of peace upon us,  
break down the dividing walls among us,  
and raise us up to be a holy temple—  
your temple of peace in the world—  
built on the cornerstone of Jesus Christ,  
in whose holy name we pray.  
...*(silent and personal confession)* Amen.**

\* Declaration of Forgiveness

**L:** Once we were strangers and aliens;  
now we are citizens with the saints  
and members of the household of God.  
People of God, hear the good news:  
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

**L:** Christ is our peace. The peace of Christ be with you all.

**P: And also with you.**

\* Sung Response No. 585

**“GLORY TO GOD”**

MACHU-PICHU

*(Sung as a “Call” with “Echoed Response” from Congregation)*

***Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high-est!***

***To God be glo-ry for-ev-er!***

***Al-le-lu-ia, A-men!***

***Al-le-lu-ia, A-men!***

***Al-le-lu-ia, A-men!***

**THE WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

Let us pray:

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit,

that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom,

and in your will discover your peace;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings from Scripture

Wisdom Psalm 15 (*Who Shall Abide in God’s Sanctuary*) Pg. 469

History 1 Kings 17:8-16 (*The Widow of Zarephath*) Pg. 309

Gospel Matthew 6:25-33 (*Do Not Worry*) Pg. 6

Sermon: “Witnesses to a Different Way”

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

\* Affirmation of Faith **Apostle’s Creed (Trad.)** Hymnal – pg. 35

**I 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.**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayer of the People

Almighty God,  
who taught us to pray not only for ourselves  
but for people everywhere,  
hear us as we pray for others,  
in the name of Jesus Christ.

Inspire the whole church with your power, unity, and peace.  
Grant that all who trust you may obey your Word,  
and live together in love.

Lead all nations in the way of justice and goodwill.

Direct those who govern,  
that they may rule fairly, maintain order,  
uphold those in need, and defend oppressed people;  
that this world may claim your rule and know true peace.

Awaken all people to the danger we have inflicted upon the earth.  
Implant in each a reverence for all you have made  
that we may preserve the delicate balance  
of creation for all coming generations.

Give grace to all who proclaim the gospel  
through Word and Sacrament and deeds of mercy,  
that by their teaching and example  
they may reveal your love for all people.

Comfort and relieve, O Lord,  
all who are in trouble . . .  
sorrow . . . poverty . . . sickness . . . grief . . .  
especially those known to us,  
whom we name before you in silence. . . .

Heal them in body, mind, or circumstance,  
working in them, by your grace,  
wonders beyond all they may dream or hope.

Bring to our remembrance  
all those who, having served you on earth,  
now sing your praises eternally.

May their endurance give us courage  
and their faithfulness give us hope;  
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (*sin / sin against us*)

**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

Through our offerings we identify with the cause of Christ.

We proclaim our concern for all people,  
and name them as our own next-of-kin.

We identify with their suffering and grief  
and we rejoice when good comes to them.

Both our material resources  
and our personal time and effort are offered here  
to extend the body of Christ into this moment in history  
and into the whole world.

## \* Prayer of Dedication

Let us pray:

Your importance in our lives, O God, is reflected in our gifts.

We return to you, through the ministry and outreach of this church,  
a portion of all you have entrusted to us.

We promise that these offerings will not be the end of our giving.

We will also invest our time and abilities in your work  
of healing, comforting, teaching, guiding, and proclaiming good news.

Bless each gift, whatever its size,  
and multiply the good to be done through our time, talents, and treasure.  
Amen.



## THE SENDING FORTH

\* Hymn No. 684

**“FAITH BEGINS BY LETTING GO”**

LUX PRIMA

*Faith be-gins by let-ting go,  
giv-ing up what had seemed sure,  
tak-ing risks and press-ing on,  
though the way feels less se-cure:  
pil-grim-age both right and odd,  
trust-ing all our life to God.*

*Faith en-dures by hold-ing on,  
Keep-ing mem-ory's roots a-live  
so that hope may bear its fruit;  
prom-ise-fed, our souls will thrive,  
not through mer-it we pos-ess  
but by God's great faith-ful-ness.*

*Faith ma-tures by reach-ing out,  
stretch-ing minds, en-larg-ing hearts,  
shar-ing strug-gles, liv-ing prayer,  
bind-ing up the bro-ken parts:  
till we find the com-mon-place  
ripe with wit-ness to God's grace.*

\* Benediction

\* Sung Response No. 540 **“SHALOM, CHAVERIM!”**

**(FAREWELL, GOOD FRIENDS!)**

*Sha-lom, cha-ve-rim! Sha-lom, cha-ve-rot!*

*Sha-lom, sha-lom!*

*Le-hit-ra-ot, le-hit-ra-ot,*

*sha-lom, sha-lom.*

\* Postlude

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