

## 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.) 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time October 16, 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: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness for those who keep God's covenants.

P: God leads the humble in what is right and teaches them God's way.

# Prayer of Invocation

Let us pray:

Give your church, O God, the grace to serve you with courage, that our lives may be a witness to your compassion and our actions a testimony to your mercy.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.

\* Hymn No. 305 "COME SING, O CHURCH, IN JOY!"

Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!

For Christ the Lord has led us through the a-ges long!

In bold ac-cord,

come cel-e-brate the jour-ney now and praise the Lord!

Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns su-preme, em-power-ing us to catch the vi-sion, dream the dream! In bold ac-cord, come cel-e-brate the jour-ney now and praise the Lord!

Let cour-age be our friend; let wis-dom be our guide, as we in mis-sion mag-ni-fy the Cru-ci-fied! In bold ac-cord, come cel-e-brate the jour-ney now and praise the Lord!

Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song! For Christ the Lord has tri-umphed o'er the a-ges long! In bold ac-cord, come cel-e-brate the jour-ney now and praise the Lord!

\* Call to Confession

The God who demands justice from us is the God who pours out mercy upon us.

Trusting in that gracious love,
let us confess our sin before God and one another.

# \* Corporate Prayer of Confession

God of Mercy: We confess that we have failed to live as your beloved sons and daughters. We have set our minds on the things of this world, and we have neglected the inheritance of love you bestow upon your saints. We have pursued selfish aims in our daily business; we have harbored uncharitable thoughts toward our enemies and friends; we have avoided difficult responsibilities to our neighbors. Forgive us, we pray. Free us from our selfish ways and strengthen us to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

\* Sung Response No. 288 "SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD"

LIVING GOD

Spir-it of the liv-ing God, fall a-fresh on me. Spir-it of the liv-ing God, fall a-fresh on me. Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me. Spir-it of the liv-ing God, fall a-fresh on me.

\* Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news:

Christ is merciful to all who turn to him in repentance.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

\* Sung Response No. 591 "HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJAH!"

(refrain)

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:

O God, as we receive your Word through your Holy Spirit, open our eyes to your justice, open our ears to your judgment, open our hearts to your love. Amen.

# Readings from Scripture

Wisdom Psalm 25:1-10 (Prayer for Guidance & Deliverance) Pg. 475
Torah Deuteronomy 6:4-9 (The Great Commandment) Pg. 157
Gospel Luke 10:25-37 (The Parable of the Good Samaritan) Pg. 67

Sermon: "Who Is My Neighbor"

The Reverend Nancy Coleman

#### 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 "God of Compassion" you are invited to respond "hear our prayer."

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, God of Compassion, hear our prayer.

Gracious God,

you know our wounds, our troubles, and our needs even before we know them ourselves.

As the Samaritan showed compassion to the wounded man, you offer mercy to us.

We pray for those who are sick or in trouble.

Comfort them with your grace, and empower your church to minister to them.

God of Compassion, hear our prayer.

We pray for all who suffer the violence of human hands or the tragedy of natural disasters.

Shield them with your holy angels, and motivate your church to care for them.

God of Compassion, hear our prayer.

We pray for children and for the defenseless. Safeguard them in your protection, and strengthen your church to tend to them. God of Compassion, hear our prayer.

We pray for elected officials and for civil servants. Stir them to heed justice, and rouse the church to hold them accountable. God of Compassion, hear our prayer.

We pray for pastors, teachers, musicians, and all the saints who lead your church.

Inspire them by your Holy Spirit, and guide the church to encourage them. God of Compassion, hear our prayer.

God of Compassion, receive our prayers, and lead us all to serve in love, through Christ our Lord.

All this we pray in the name of the Lord Jesus, who taught us to pray:

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

Let us bring to God the fruit of our labors.

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 these gifts, O God.

May our lives be an offering that is pleasing to you, good gifts that come from the knowledge of life in Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

#### THE SENDING FORTH

\* Hymn No. 203 "JESU, JESU, FILL US WITH YOUR LOVE"

Refrain

Je-su, Je-su, fill us with your love; show us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

Kneels at the feet of his friends, si-lent-ly wash-es their feet, Mas-ter who acts as a slave to them.

Refrain

Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var-ied in col-or and race; neigh-bors are near us and far a-way.

Refrain

These are the ones we should serve; these are the ones we should love; all these are neighbors to us and you.

Refrain

Lov-ing puts us on our knees, will-ing to wash oth-ers' feet; This is the way we should live like you.

Refrain

Je-su, Je-su, fill us with your love; show us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you. \* Charge and Blessing

Go forth to share the light of God's compassion with all the world, for God has given us the inheritance of the saints.

The grace of Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Spirit be with you.

\* Sung Response No. 623 "I'VE GOT PEACE LIKE A RIVER"

(VERSE 3)

I've got love like an o-cean; I've got love like an o-cean; I've got love like an o-cean; in my soul.

I've got love like an o-cean; I've got love like an o-cean; I've got love like an o-cean; in my soul.

\* Postlude

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