



Children's Sabbath

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.)
Children's Sabbath / 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 23, 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 "IT'S A GREAT DAY TO PRAISE THE LORD"

Call to Worship (*L = Leader, P = People*)

Psalm 100

L: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**P: Worship the Lord with gladness,
come into God's presence with singing.**

L: Know that the Lord is God.

It is God that has made us, and we belong to him.

P: We are God's people, and the sheep of his pasture.

L: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him and bless his name.

**P: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

Prayer of Invocation

Let us pray:

Dear God, you made this whole world, and you made us to live in it.

In Jesus, you even became a person like us

to show us the way back to you.

Help us to know Jesus today as we sing and pray and listen;

through Jesus we pray. Amen.

*Re-joyce, ye pure in heart!
Re-joyce, give thanks, and sing!
Your fes-tal ban-ner wave on high,
the cross of Christ your King.*

Re-joyce! Rejoyce! Re-joyce, give thanks, and sing!

*With voice as full and strong
as o-cean's surg-ing praise,
send forth the stur-dy hymns of old,
the psalms of an-cient days.*

Re-joyce! Rejoyce! Re-joyce, give thanks, and sing!

*Yes, on through life's long path,
still chant-ing as ye go,
from youth to age, by night and day,
in glad-ness and in woe:*

Re-joyce! Rejoyce! Re-joyce, give thanks, and sing!

*At last the march shall end;
the wea-ried ones shall rest;
the pil-grims find their home at last,
Je-ru-sa-lem the blest.*

Re-joyce! Rejoyce! Re-joyce, give thanks, and sing!

*Then on, ye pure in heart!
Re-joyce, give thanks, and sing!
Your fes-tal ban-ner wave on high,
the cross of Christ your King.*

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* Call to Confession

The proof of God's amazing love is this:

while we were sinners Christ died for us.

Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence.

* Corporate Prayer of Confession

Holy and merciful God, in your presence

we confess our failure to be what you created us to be.

You alone know how often we have sinned

in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts,

in forgetting your love.

By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light

and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

* Assurance of Pardon

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

* Sung Response

“Jesus Loves Me”

Jesus loves me, this I know

For the Bible tells me so

Little ones to Him belong

They are weak but He is strong

Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me.

Yes, Jesus loves me. The Bible tells me so.

THE WORD

Children's Moment

Children's Bible Presentation & Teacher Prayer

Special Music

“BIBLE MEDLEY”

Use Your Hand to Pray

Jesus taught that a person can pray to God at any time of day, using any words, about anything. Looking at your hand can help you remember what to pray for.

- Your thumb is closest to your heart and be used to remember your friends and family.
- Your index finger is the finger you point with and can be used to pray for people who point you in the right direction such as pastors, teachers, and parents.
- Your middle finger is the tallest finger and can be used to remember leaders of our nation and world.
- Your ring finger is not very strong. Use this finger to remember to pray for people who need help.
- Your pinkie finger is last and can be used to pray for yourself, asking God to help you live as God wants you to live.

Prayer for Illumination

Let us pray:

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is spoken, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Readings from Scripture

Wisdom	Psalm 15	<i>(Who Shall Abide in God's Sanctuary?)</i>	Pg. 469
Epistle	James 3:13-18	<i>(Two Kinds of Wisdom)</i>	Pg. 216
Gospel	Matthew 5:1-9	<i>(The Beatitudes)</i>	Pg. 4

Sermon “Blessed Are the Peacemakers”

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.**

Minute for Mission

Children's Sabbath Globally

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

People of God, for the sake of the world that God so loves,
let us pray for peace in our world.

We pray for peace in every nation —
that people will turn their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks and study war no more.

We pray for peace in Christ's body — put an end to fear and fighting,
and help us to proclaim in word and action
the good news of salvation to all.

We pray for peace in our community —
for safety in our homes and streets, for the prosperity of our neighbors,
and for the health of family and friends.

God of the future, make us ready for the coming of your reign,
when you will bring everlasting peace and renew the face of the earth.

We pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray, saying...

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

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and all who live in it.
Let us give to God our lives and offerings,
grateful for the gifts we have been given.

Offertory

* Sung Response

“GIVE THANKS UNTO THE LORD”

(Tune: Farmer in the Dell)

Give thanks unto the Lord.

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Oh, thank the Lord for He is good;

Give thanks unto the Lord.

* Prayer of Dedication

O God, thank you for being good to us.

Please take our offering and use it for those who need your help.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

THE SENDING FORTH

* Hymn No. 757 **“TODAY WE ALL ARE CALLED TO BE DISCIPLES”**

KINGSFOLD

*To-day we all are called to be dis-ci-ples of the Lord,
to help to set the cap-tive free, make plow-share out of sword,
to feed the hun-gry, quench their thirst, make love and peace our fast,
to serve the poor and home-less first, our ease and com-fort last.*

*God made the world and at its birth or-dained our hu-man race
to live as stew-ards of the earth, re-spond-ing to God's grace.
But we are vain and sad-ly proud; we sow not peace but strife.
Our dis-cord spreads a dead-ly cloud that threat-ens all of life.*

*Pray jus-tice may come roll-ing down as in a might-y stream,
with righ-teous-ness in field and town to cleanse us and re-deem.*

*For God is long-ing to re-store an earth where con-flicts cease,
a world that was cre-at-ed for a har-mo-ny of peace.*

*May we in ser-vice to our God act out the liv-ing word,
and walk the road the saints have trod till all have seen and heard.
As stew-ards of the earth may we give thanks in one ac-cord
to God who calls us all to be dis-ci-ples of the Lord.*

* Charge and Blessing

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Amen.

* Sung Response

“MAY GOD BLESS YOU”

(Tune: Row Row Row Your Boat)

May God bless you now

As you go your way

May He look on you with love

And give you peace today

* Postlude – Children’s Bells “GO NOW IN PEACE”

Go now in Peace

Go now in Peace

May the love of God surround you

Everywhere, Everywhere

You may go

MUSIC ATTRIBUTIONS

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“May God Bless You”

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