



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.)
World Communion Sunday / Peace & Global Witness Offering
October 2, 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: From north and south and east and west,

P: All Creation sings forth your praises!

L: The mountains and the hills burst into song;

P: The trees of the field shall clap their hands.

L: Your steadfast love never ceases.

P: With joy and peace, let us worship God together.

Prayer of Invocation

God of all nations,

you have poured out your blessings upon all the peoples of the earth.

Grant us eyes to see your gifts of faith and love.

Appoint us as heralds of your mercies that are new every morning.

Empower us to write the vision of your peaceable kingdom,

where destruction and violence are no more,

where suffering and wars shall cease.

Through our worship empower us to be sent out with joy

as bearers of your hope in a hurting world;

through Christ we pray. Amen.

*For the beau-ty of the earth, for the glo-ry of the skies,
for the love which from our birth o-ver and a-round us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.*

*For the won-der of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.*

*For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind de-light,
For the mys-tic har-mo-ny link-ing sense to sound and sight:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.*

*For the joy of hu-man love, broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,
friends on earth, and friends a-bove, for all gen-tle thoughts and mild,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.*

*For thy-self, best gift di-vine to the world so free-ly given;
for the great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.*

* Call to Confession

God's grace was given to us in Christ before the ages began.
In spite of God's love for us and gift of love to us,
we often act in destructive and hateful ways.
Trusting in Christ's mercy that never ends,
let us with honesty confess our sins before God and one another.

* Corporate Prayer of Confession

**Gracious Lord, you created the whole world and called it good,
but we look out at your world and see division and suffering.
You call us to maintain the unity of spirit in the bond of peace,
but we choose division over diversity, confrontation over civility,
conflict over peace born from justice.
You call us to love the least of these among us,
but we hear the cries of the oppressed and choose our own comfort.**

**We allow senseless suffering rather than sacrifice for our neighbors.
Forgive us.**

Grant us fresh vision to see one another as siblings in Christ.

Rekindle in us your gifts —

the spirit of power, love and self-discipline —

that with faith in Christ, we might be made new

and be part of bringing forth your peaceable kingdom. 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.

* Declaration of Pardon

We call to mind your promises and therefore we find hope:
the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases.

God’s mercies are new every morning.

Believe the good news. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

* 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

In the quietness of this hour, we wait for your Spirit.
Tune our ears to hear the promise of your salvation.
Incline our hearts toward your message of peace.
Summon our will to respond to your Word with justice and love,
that we might go forth with joy; through Christ. Amen.

Readings from Scripture

Wisdom Psalm 24 (*Entrance into the Temple*) Pg. 475
Gospel Matthew 28:16-20 (*The Commissioning of the Disciples*) Pg. 32
Prophet Isaiah 25:6-9 (*Praise for Deliverance from Oppression*) Pg. 613

Sermon

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.**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Call to Offering

The earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it,
the world and those who live in it.

Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth.

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

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.

Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts:
our selves, our time, and our possessions.

Use us, and what we have gathered in feeding the world with your love;
through the one who gave himself for us,
Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

* Hymn No. 506 **“LOOK WHO GATHERS AT CHRIST'S TABLE!”** COPELAND

(vv.1, 4)

*Look who gath-ers at Christ's ta-ble!
Hear the sto-ries that they bring.
Some are weep-ing; some are laugh-ing;
some have songs they want to sing.
Oth-ers ask why they-re in-vit-ed,
bur-dened by the wrong they-ve done.
Christ in-sists they all are wel-come.
There is room for ev-ery-one.*

*Bring your joy and bring your sad-ness,
and pre-pare to be sur-prised
by the host whose hands are wound-ed,
who will o-pen wide your eyes
when he bless-es bread and breaks it –
truth and man-na from a-bove!
—and then pass-es wine that wak-ens
in your heart the taste of love.*

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Christ's table is wide, and his welcome is for all.

Jesus dined with sinners and saints, with farmhands and foreigners,
with disciples and doubters, with children and cherished friends,
with the outcast and the outspoken, with lepers and loved ones.

And just as he ate at others' tables,
when Christ set his banquet table, he welcomed us all, too.

As we gather around Christ's table,
we are united with all of God's beloved across the world
through the love and grace made known in bread broken and cup passed.
So come to the table where we witness Christ's love and peace for all.

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.

We give you thanks and praise, God of all Creation,
for the blessing of your earth and all your children,
for the mercies you pour forth in fresh rains and harvests of plenty,
for joy that comes in the morning.

We are a grateful people.

You created a world of harmony and peace,
but our yearning for power and privilege throughout history
led to division and conflict, suffering and violence.
We give thanks that you sent prophets and poets to lament and remind,
to bear witness and call us to yet a better way,
to write the vision of a peaceable kingdom for all to see.
With fresh eyes and renewed hope,
we join our voices with those around the world
and with your heavenly chorus to sing:

**Holy, 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.**

We give you thanks that in the fullness of time,
you sent your Son Jesus to bear witness to your mercy, grace and love.
In his living, he showed us how to love.
In his dying, he offered us undeserved mercy.
In his rising, he granted us grace.
Through the gift of faith, even faith as small as a mustard seed,
his witness rekindles in us the gifts of God,
not so that we can hold onto these gifts for ourselves
but so that we can be united across the globe as one family of faith
gathered around one table, sharing in one holy meal,
sustained by a love that binds us together in peace.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to 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.

Distribution of the Elements

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

Prayer after Communion

Pour out your Holy Spirit
upon our many tables throughout the earth this day,
trusting that Christ is the host of our sacred meal together.
May the blessing of grain from the earth and fruit of the vine
be a reminder of the true joy of communion
that unites us in one worldwide covenant of love.
Sustained by your Word, fed by this holy meal,
may we go out with joy and be led forth in peace;
through Christ our peace. Amen.

THE SENDING FORTH

* Hymn No. 300

“WE ARE ONE IN THE SPIRIT”

(They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love)

*We are one in the Spir-it; we are one in the Lord;
we are one in the Spir-it; we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all u-ni-ty may one day be re-stored:*

*And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.*

*We will walk with each oth-er; we will walk hand in hand;
we will walk with each oth-er; we will walk hand in hand;
and to-geth-er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:*

*And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our love;
Yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.*

*We will work with each oth-er; we will work side by side;
we will work with each oth-er; we will work side by side;
and we'll guard hu-man dig-ni-ty and save hu-man pride:*

*And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our love;
Yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.*

*All praise to the Fa-ther, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Je-sus, God's on-ly Son,
and all praise to the Spir-it who makes us one.*

*And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our love;
Yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.*

* Charge and Blessing

The peace of Christ, the love of God,
and the joy of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Alleluia!

Go out in joy, bearing witness to the good news of the gospel,
and be led forth in peace, sharing the peace of Christ with all. Amen.

* Sung Response No. 623 **“I’VE GOT PEACE LIKE A RIVER”**

(VERSE 1)

*I’ve got peace like a riv-er;
I’ve got peace like a riv-er;
I’ve got peace like a riv-er, in my soul.
I’ve got peace like a riv-er;
I’ve got peace like a riv-er;
I’ve got peace like a riv-er, in my soul.*

* Postlude

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