

# Bethel Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

~ a community of faith coming together,  
for fellowship, study and service . . .  
seeking God's peace, justice and love ~

AND YOU SHALL KNOW THE  
**TRUTH**  
AND THE  
SHALL MAKE YOU FREE!  
JOHN 8:32

## **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.)**  
**Reformation Sunday / 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**October 30, 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*)

Psalm 63

L: O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you,

**P: My soul thirsts for you; my flesh yearns for you,  
in a dry and weary land where there is no water.**

L: So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,  
to see your power and your glory.

**P: Because your steadfast love is better than life,  
my lips will praise you,**

L: So I will bless you as long as I live;

**P: I will lift up my hands and call upon your name.**

Prayer of Invocation

Holy God, who calls your people into one beloved community,  
who teaches us the way of peace through life together,  
who fills us with visions of your eternal reign:  
as we now celebrate the communion of saints,  
pour into our hearts the power of Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.

*A might-y for-tress is our God, a bul-wark nev-er fail-ing.  
Our help-er he, a-mid the flood of mor-tal ills pre-vail-ing.*

*For still our an-cient foe doth seek to work us woe.*

*His craft and power are great,  
and armed with cru-el hate,  
on earth is not his e-qual.*

*Did we in our own strength con-fide, our striv-ing would be los-ing,  
were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choos-ing.*

*Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je-sus, it is he.*

*Lord Sab-a-oth his name,  
from age to age the same,  
and he must win the bat-tle.*

*And though this world, with dev-ils filled, should threat-en to un-do us,  
we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to tri-umph through us.*

*The Prince of Dark-ness grim, we trem-ble not for him.*

*His rage we can en-dure,  
for lo, his doom is sure.  
One litt-le word shall fell him.*

*That word a-bove all earth-ly powers, no thanks to them a-bid-eth.*

*The Spir-it and the gifts are oursthrough him who with us sid-eth.*

*Let goods and kin-dred go, this mor-tal life al-so.*

*The bod-y they may kill;  
God's truth a-bid-eth still.  
His king-dom is for-ev-er.*

\* Call to Confession

For the peace and unity of the saints,  
trusting in the promise of grace,  
let us confess our sin to God and to one another.

\* Corporate Prayer of Confession

**God of the covenant,  
who calls all people to reconciliation,  
you have made us members of the very body of Christ;  
yet we persist in wounding that body  
with our divisions, our suspicions, and our neglect.  
Forgive us, and teach us to nurture unity and peace.  
For the sake of Jesus Christ  
and the world he came to save; 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

In the great compassion of our God,  
the death and resurrection of Christ Jesus has shown us  
God’s forgiveness for our sins.  
Therefore, I declare to you  
the entire forgiveness for all your sins  
in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

\* 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:

Pour out your Spirit upon us, O God;  
with your Word enlighten the eyes of our hearts,  
that we might live in hope;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Readings from Scripture

History	Joshua 24:14-18	<i>(The Tribes Renew the Covenant)</i>	Pg. 206
Wisdom	Psalm 1	<i>(The Two Ways)</i>	Pg. 463
Gospel	John 8:31-32	<i>(True Disciples)</i>	Pg. 95

Sermon "The Truth Shall Set You Free"

## 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.**

Remembering the Saints and Tolling the Bell

Moira Koppelberger

Katie Gurtis

Shirley Swindler

Tauno Maki

Norma Jean King Harris

Prayer of Remembrance

Eternal God, Author of our past and promise of our future,  
we lay before you our private fears,  
and our concerns for the world, knowing you hear our cries.

For your blessed and broken church, **hear our cries.**

For those who are entrusted with power, **hear our cries.**

For those who have lost their way, **hear our cries.**

For those who suffer at the hands of others, **hear our cries.**

For those who languish in hunger or thirst, **hear our cries.**

For all who teach, and those who would learn, **hear our cries.**

For those who are sick or dying and those who care for them,  
**hear our cries.**

For those whose needs are known only to you, **hear our cries.**

Ever-faithful God, you have knit together as one body in Christ  
those who have been your people in all times and places.

Keep us in communion with your saints,  
following their example of faith and life,  
until that day when we shall dwell with them  
in the joy of your eternal kingdom.

As the Lord has taught us, we are bold 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

With gratitude for God's blessings  
through the power at work in Christ Jesus,  
we gather now the gifts of the church for the sake of the gospel.

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

Holy One, all that we have comes from you.

You bless our lives with the companionship of your people,  
the freedom that comes from forgiveness of sin,  
the joy of thanksgiving for Earth and all its bounty.

Turn us toward those in need,

in the name of the one who gave himself for us,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

#### THE SENDING FORTH

\* Hymn No. 451 “OPEN MY EYES, THAT I MAY SEE”

*O-pen my eyes, that I may see  
glimps-es of truth thou hast for me.  
Place in my hands the won-der-ful key  
that shall un-clasp and set me free.*

*Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee,  
read-y, my God, thy will to see.  
O-pen my eyes; il-lu-mine me,  
Spir-it di-vine!*

*O-pen my ears, that I may hear  
voic-es of truth thou send-est clear.  
And while the wave notes fall on my ear,  
ev-ery-thing false will dis-ap-pear.*

*Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee,  
read-y, my God, thy will to see.*



*O-pen my ears; il-lu-mine me,  
Spir-it di-vine!*

*O-pen my mouth, and let me bear  
glad-ly the warm truth ev-ery-where.  
O-pen my heart, and let me pre-pare  
love with thy chil-dren thus to share.*

*Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee,  
read-y, my God, thy will to see.  
O-pen my heart; il-lu-mine me,  
Spir-it di-vine!*

\* Charge and Blessing

Love your enemies,  
pray for those who oppose you,  
answer evil with good,  
give to those in need;  
for yours is the kingdom of God.

The God of our Lord Jesus Christ  
give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation  
to live in hope today and always.

\* 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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