



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.)
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 9, 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 8

L: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

P: You have set your glory above the heavens.

**Out of the mouths of babes and infants
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,
to silence the enemy and the avenger.**

L: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;

**P: What are human beings that you are mindful of them,
mortals that you care for them?**

L: Yet you have made them a little lower than God,
and crowned them with glory and honor.

P: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Prayer of Invocation

We praise you, O God, for creating us in your image
and crowning us with glory and honor.

May our worship today reflect your love for all creation
as with one voice we proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord. Amen.

* Hymn No. 41 “O WORSHIP THE KING, ALL GLORIOUS ABOVE!”

LYONS

*O wor-ship the King, all-glo-rious a-bove!
O grate-ful-ly sing God’s power and God’s love:
our shield and de-fend-er, the An-cient of Days,
pa-vil-ioned in spleen-dor and gird-ed with praise.*

*O tell of God’s might; O sing of God’s grace,
whose robe is the light, whose can-o-py space,
whose char-iots of wrath the deep thun-der-clouds form;
and bright is God’s path on the wings of the storm.*

*The earth with its store of won-ders un-told,
Al-might-y, your power has found-ed of old;
Es-tab-lished it fast by a change-less de-cree,
And round it has cast, like a man-tle, the sea.*

*Your boun-ti-ful care what tongue can re-cite?
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it de-scends to the plain,
and sweet-ly dis-tills in the dew and the rain.*

*Frail chil-dren of dust, and fee-ble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
your mer-cies, how ten-der, how firm to the end,
our Mak-er, De-fend-er, Re-deem-er, and Friend.*

* Call to Confession

We are created in God’s image, and we are called good,
but too often our actions distort that image
and fail to reflect goodness in this world.

Let us return to who we were made to be as we confess.

* Corporate Prayer of Confession

**Majestic God, You have called us to live in peace,
but we turn to conflict and hatred.**

**You yearn for us to work together,
but we keep finding reasons to dismiss each other.**

**Forgive us and show us a better way to be your people, your body,
your church. 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

God knows who we were made to be and has been waiting
to help restore us to ourselves, to each other, to community.

Thanks be to God! 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

Let us pray:

Gracious God, you meet us as we are,
but do not leave us as you find us.

Send your Spirit

and open us to the transformative power of your living Word.
Trusting your promise that your word will not return to you empty,
we ask that you would use this time of proclamation
to form us more in the likeness of Jesus Christ,
your Son and our Savior. Amen.

Readings from Scripture

Wisdom Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 (*The Inescapable God*) Pg. 545

Gospel Mark 2:23 – 3:6 (*Pronouncement about the Sabbath*) Pg. 34

Torah Genesis 1:26-27 (*Six Days of Creation ...*) Pg. 1

Sermon “God Don’t Make No Junk”

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.**

(cont.)

**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 "Give strength, O Lord"
you are invited to respond "**and bless us with peace.**"*

Let us pray to the Lord, saying,

Give strength, O Lord, **and bless us with peace.**

All glorious God, maker of heaven and earth, hear us as we pray:

Give strength, O Lord, **and bless us with peace.**

We pray for the world you have made ...

Move again over these troubled waters,
steeped in chemicals and stained with blood.

Where carelessness and violence bring chaos,
restore order goodness, and life.

Give strength, O Lord, **and bless us with peace.**

We pray for the church you have redeemed ...

Renew in us the gifts of your Spirit and the call to Christian discipleship.

Where history and heresy have divided us,
make us one in the baptism we share.

Give strength, O Lord, **and bless us with peace.**

We pray for the peoples you have created ...

Give to the leaders of all nations the wisdom to know what is good.

Where people are poor and hungry, provide justice and daily bread.

Give strength, O Lord, **and bless us with peace.**

We pray for the loved ones you have given us ...

Bless our families, friends, and neighbors;

keep them safe from trouble and danger.

Where there is sorrow, sickness, or suffering,

send your Spirit of comfort and healing.

Give strength, O Lord, **and bless us with peace.**

All this we pray in the name of the Lord 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 belongs to God, our creator;

every good thing is a gift from the Lord.

Let us glorify God through the gifts of our lives.

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

We give you thanks, O God,
for every blessing and spiritual gift you have poured out upon us.
Let the gifts of our lives be a source of blessing in your world,
all to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

THE SENDING FORTH

* Hymn No. 769 **“FOR EVERYONE BORN”**

*For ev-ery-one born, a place at the ta-ble,
for ev-ery-one born, clean wa-ter and bread,
a shel-ter, a space, a safe place for grow-ing,
for ev-ery-one born, a star o-ver-head,*

(Refrain)

*and God will de-light when we are cre-a-tors
of jus-tice and joy, com-pas-sion and peace:
yes, God will de-light when we are cre-a-tors
of jus-tice, jus-tice and joy!*

*For wom-an and man, a place at the ta-ble,
re-vis-ing the roles, de-cid-ing the share,
with wis-dom and grace, di-vid-ing the pow-er,
For wom-an and man, a sys-tem that's fair.*

(Refrain)

*For young and for old, a place at the ta-ble,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrin-kled,
For young and for old, the right to be-long.*

(Refrain)

*and God will de-light when we are cre-a-tors
of jus-tice and joy, com-pas-sion and peace:
yes, God will de-light when we are cre-a-tors
of jus-tice, jus-tice and joy!*

*For just and un-just, a place at the ta-ble,
a-bus-er, a-bused, with need to for-give,
in an-ger, in hurt, a mind-set of mer-cy,
for just and un-just, a new way to live.*

(Refrain)

*For ev-ery-one born, a place at the ta-ble,
to live with-out fear, and sim-ply to be,
to work, to speak out, to wit-ness and wor-ship,
for ev-ery-one born, the right to be free.*

(Refrain)

*and God will de-light when we are cre-a-tors
of jus-tice and joy, com-pas-sion and peace:
yes, God will de-light when we are cre-a-tors
of jus-tice, jus-tice and joy!*

* Charge and Blessing

You are God's beloved children,
created in the image of the triune God.

As you go from this place,
may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you
and be reflected in your lives, now and forevermore. Amen.

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

(VERSE 2)

*I've got joy like a foun-tain;
I've got joy like a foun-tain;
I've got joy like a foun-tain, in my soul.*

*I've got joy like a foun-tain;
I've got joy like a foun-tain;
I've got joy like a foun-tain, in my soul.*

* Postlude

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