



“And if you have not been
FAITHFUL
with what belongs to another,
who will give you
what is your own?”

LUKE 16:12, NRSV

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.)
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 18, 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: Who is like the Lord our God, high above the heavens in glory?

P: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

L: Who raises the poor from the dust
and lifts up the needy from the ashes?

P: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

L: Who makes light shine in darkness,
gives joy in sorrow, and brings life out of death?

P: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Prayer of Invocation

Let us pray: Faithful God, we give you thanks that in Jesus Christ
you have entrusted us with the richness of your glory
and the treasure of your grace.

Make us faithful stewards of your good gifts,
that we may show your love to this generation
and welcome us into your eternal home,
where we will worship and serve you forever;
through Christ our Savior. Amen.

*All hail the power of Je-sus’ name! Let an-gels pros-trate fall;
bring forth the roy-al di-a-dem, and crown him Lord of all!
Bring forth the roy-al di-a-dem, and crown him Lord of all!*

*Ye cho-sen seed of Is-rael’s race, ye ran-somed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!*

*Let ev-ery kin-dred, ev-ery tribe on this ter-res-trial ball
to him all maj-es-ty as-cribe, and crown him Lord of all!
To him all maj-es-ty as-cribe, and crown him Lord of all!*

*O that with yon-der sa-cred throng we at his feet may fall!
We’ll join the ev-er-last-ing song, and crown him Lord of all!
We’ll join the ev-er-last-ing song, and crown him Lord of all!*

* Call to Confession

Even though we continually turn away from God,
the Lord is eager to forgive.

Trusting in the promise of grace, let us confess our sin.

* Corporate Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you know our sin:

We have squandered the gifts you have given us.

We have failed to forgive our debtors as you have forgiven us.

**We have been unfaithful and dishonest
in small things and great things alike.**

We are shrewd in seeking wealth and foolish in following your way.

Forgive our sins, O Lord, for your name’s sake.

**Make us faithful stewards of the grace you have given
and generous in forgiving others;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

* Sung Response No. 575 **“LORD, HAVE MERCY UPON US”**

KYRIE ELEISON

*Lord, have mer-cy up-on us;
Christ have mer-cy up-on us;
Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.*

* Assurance of Pardon

Our loving God desires everyone to be saved
and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Hear the good news!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

* Sung Response No. 581 **“GLORY BE TO THE FATHER”**

GLORIA PATRI

*Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Ghost;
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be,
world with-out end. A-men, a-men.*

THE WORD

Children’s Moment

Choral Anthem

Prayer for Illumination

Let us pray:

God our Savior, as we hear your Word

send your Holy Spirit to be our teacher of faith and truth

and show us how we are called to live;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings from Scripture

Wisdom Psalm 113 (God the Helper of the Needy) Pg. 532

Epistle 1 Timothy 2:1-7 (Instructions concerning Prayer) Pg. 196

Gospel Luke 16:1-13 (The Parable of the Dishonest Manager) Pg. 74

Sermon

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* Affirmation of Faith

A Brief Statement of Faith
Sections 4 & 5

Hymnal pg. 38

*Taken from The Brief Statement of Faith, 1991,
The Book of Confessions, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.
The same Spirit
who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.
In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"
With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

You are one, O God,
and you have given us one mediator:
Christ Jesus our Lord;
it is in his name that we offer our prayers
of thanksgiving, intercession, and supplication.

For the poor and needy in our land, and in every land,
those who are trampled on by the rich,
bought and sold for profit [*silent prayer*]

For families torn apart by violence,
lands laid waste by destruction,
and cities ruined by war [*silent prayer*]

For all those who are beset by illness or grief,
whose hearts are sick,
whose joy is gone [*silent prayer*]

We pray these things through Jesus Christ
who gave himself a ransom for all.

And now as Jesus has taught us, we are bold to pray together:

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

Jesus teaches us that no one can serve two masters.

We cannot serve both God and wealth.

Let us entrust our treasure to the Lord
who has provided so abundantly for us
with generosity and grace beyond measure.

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

Who is like you, O Lord our God?
You look with mercy upon the earth;
you lift up the poor from the dust
and give them a place at your table.
Teach us to sing your praise forever
and to show your love to those in need;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE SENDING FORTH

* Hymn No. 331 **“GOD OF THE AGES, WHOSE ALMIGHTY HAND”**

*God of the a-ges, whose al-might-y hand
leads forth in beau-ty all the star-ry band
of shin-ing worlds in spleen-dor through the skies:
our grate-ful songs be-fore thy throne a-rise.*

*Thy love di-vine hath led us in the past.
In this free land by thee our lot is cast.*

*Be thou our rul-er, guard-ian, guide, and stay;
thy word our law, thy paths our cho-sen way.*

*From war's a-larms, from dead-ly pes-ti-lence,
be thy strong arm our ev-er sure de-fense.
Thy true re-li-gion in our hearts in-crease.
Thy boun-teous good-ness nour-ish us in peace.*

*Re-fresh thy peo-ple on their toil-some way.
Lead us from night to nev-er end-ing day.
Fill all our lives with love and grace di-vine,
and glo-ry, laud, and praise be ev-er thine.*

* Charge and Blessing

Lead a life of peacefulness,
of godliness and dignity,
seeking what is good and acceptable and right
in the sight of God our Savior.
May the God of hope sustain you,
the Holy Spirit keep you,
and Christ the Lord walk with you,
today and every day.

* Sung Response No. 748 **“GO WITH US, LORD”**

*Go with us, Lord , and guide the way
through this and ev-ery com-ing day,
that in your Spir-it strong and true
our lives may be our gift to you.*

TALLIS' CANON

* Postlude

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“Glory Be to the Father”

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

“God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand”

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