



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.)
Communion Sunday / 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 4, 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: See how God loves us!

P: God loves us enough to swallow up death forever.

L: See how Christ loves us!

P: Christ loves us enough to share our loss and grief.

L: See how the Spirit loves us!

**P: The Holy Spirit loves us enough
to offer us words of hope we can trust.**

Prayer of Invocation

Lord God, you who created us, we praise you for Your presence in our lives. Your name is above any other name in the universe. Your love for us is immeasurable. As we worship you today, we pray that you would fill our hearts, mind and soul with your abundance. Let your presence in our worship be evident. May you open our ears to hear from you and our hearts to receive from you. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

*Come, la-bor on.
Who dares stand i-dle on the har-vest plain
while all a-round us waves the gold-en grain?
And to each ser-vant does the Mas-ter say,
"Go work to-day."*

*Come, la-bor on.
Claim the high call-ing an-gels can-not share;
to young and old the gos-pel glad-ness bear.
Re-deem the time; its hours too swift-ly fly.
The night draws nigh.*

*Come, la-bor on.
Cast off all gloom-y doubt and faith-less fear!
No arm so weak but may do ser-vice here.
Though fee-ble a-gents, may we all ful-fill
God's righ-teous will.*

*Come, la-bor on.
No time for rest, till glows the west-ern sky,
till the long shad-ows o'er our path-way lie,
and a glad sound comes with the set-ting sun,
"Well done, well done!"*

* Call to Confession

Here in this community of those who seek God,
we know we are not saints.

We are trapped in words, and thoughts, and actions
which bind us to sin, not to God.

But our God has promised us new hope, new life, fresh mercy,
if we will but confess.

I invite you to join me, as we pray together, saying,

* Corporate Prayer of Confession

Ever constant Love, mixing love and hope together, you pave the way to the kingdom, but we prefer to stub our toes on the roads of temptation. You would touch the cup of grace to our parched lips, but we seem to hunger for the ashy taste of bitterness. You beg us to learn the songs of salvation, but we hum along with the chorus death plays in the background of our lives.

Have mercy upon us, God of Holiness. As you come to us, you bring healing for our brokenness, peace for our troubled lives, hope for our doubting minds. May we empty ourselves of everything which keeps us from following you, so we may receive these gifts, and more, from Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

* 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.*

* Declaration of Pardon

Laying aside judgment, God offers us redemption;
setting aside anger, God embraces us with love;
letting go of grief, God pours living water upon us.

This is the good news, my friends:

God's steadfast love endures forever. 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

Special Music **“THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS”**

setting by John Ness Beck

Prayer for Illumination

Un-stop our ears, O God,
that we may hear your Word proclaimed this day.
Open our minds and hearts to be changed.
Free us from the little deaths of worry, fear, destruction, and pride.
Let us hear your words of life. Amen

Readings from Scripture

Gospel John 11:38-44 (*Jesus Raises Lazarus to Life*)

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Sermon: "Come Out"

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* Affirmation of Faith (From The United Church of Canada)

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

**We believe in God: who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Call to Offering

With generosity of spirit, let us bring our gifts to God.

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

God of all goodness and grace, receive the gifts we offer;
and grant that our whole lives may give you glory and praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Great Thanksgiving (*L = Leader, P = People*)

L: May God be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: People of God, lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them to the One whose heart is broken for us.

L: Offer your praises and joy to the God who is our Creator.

**P: We sing our love-songs to the One who loves us
and watches over us.**

Prayer continues ...

... echoing their glad songs of praise, offering our hope to you:

Holy, holy, holy are you, Creator of the world.

By faith, all creation cries out for your salvation.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who laughs with those who laugh

and cries with those who weep.

Hosanna in the highest!

Prayer continues ...

... we receive that mystery of faith which is promised to us:

**Christ died, the perfecter of salvation;
Christ was risen, the pioneer of resurrection;
Christ will come again, for the sake of our joy.**

Prayer continues ...

Lord's Prayer ("*sins ...sin against us*")

**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

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer after Communion

THE SENDING FORTH

* Hymn No. 529

“DRAW US IN THE SPIRIT’S TETHER”

UNION SEMINARY

*Draw us in the Spir-it’s teth-er,
for when hum-bly in your name two or three are met to-get-her,
you are in the midst of them.*

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Here we touch your gar-ment’s hem.

*As dis-ci-ples used to gath-er
in the name of Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv-er
break the bread and bless the cup,*

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! So now bind our friend-ship up.

*All our meals and all our liv-ing
make as sac-ra-ments of you, that by car-ing, help-ing, giv-ing,
we may be dis-ci-ples true.
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! We will serve with faith a-new.*

* Charge and Blessing

We have been welcomed with grace,
So let us go out to serve all of God's children,
meeting them where they are.

We have listened to God's Word,
Let us go to share what we have learned.

Having been set free by the Spirit
let us go to be siblings with all, calling all to come forth into life.

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

TALLIS' CANON

*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.*

* Postlude

MUSIC ATTRIBUTIONS

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“Come, Labor On”

“Glory Be to the Father”

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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