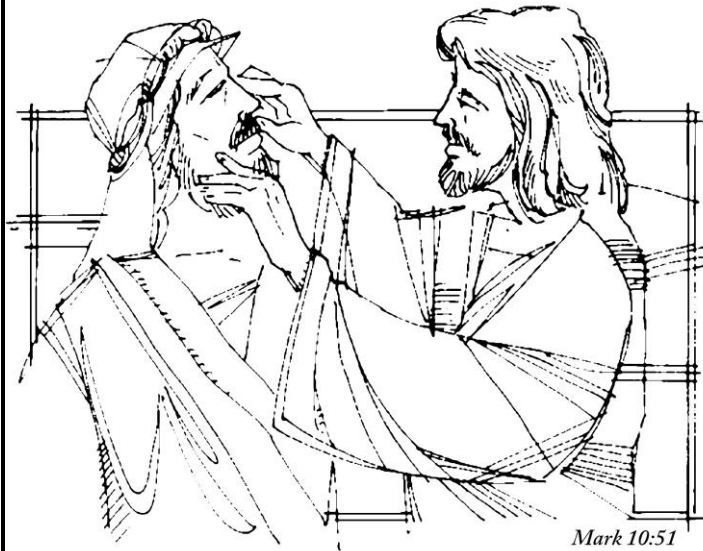


Bethel Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

... a welcoming community.

“What ^{do you want me}
to do for you?”

Jesus asked him.



Mark 10:51

The blind man said,

“Rabbi,
I want to see.”

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.

These may be placed in the offering plate.

**The Service for the Lord's Day
Bethel Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Reformation Sunday
October 27, 2024 - 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: I will bless the Lord at all times,

P: God's praise will continually be in my mouth.

L: My soul makes its boast in the Lord,

P: let the humble hear and be glad.

L: O magnify the Lord with me,

P: let us exalt God's name together!

Prayer of Invocation

Let us pray:

God, Sower of seeds, be at work among us, we pray,
that your church may thrive in faithfulness.

Whether we are the size of a tall cedar or are a small sprig,
it does not matter. You are able to put us to good use.

Not by our efforts, but by your power and grace we bear fruit,
produce boughs of spacious welcome.

You can make even a dry tree flourish!

Even we can become a new creation!

Urge us on, then, in the love of Christ. In his name we pray. Amen.

*God of the spar-row God of the whale
God of the swirl-ing stars
How does the crea-ture say Awe
How does the creature say Praise*

*God of the earth-quake God of the storm
God of the trum-pet blast
How does the crea-ture cry Woe
How does the crea-ture cry Save*

*God of the rain-bow God of the cross
God of the emp-ty grave
How does the crea-ture say Grace
How does the crea-ture say Thanks*

*God of the hun-gry God of the sick
God of the prod-i-gal
How does the crea-ture say Care
How does the crea-ture say Life*

*God of the neigh-bor God of the foe
God of the prun-ing hook
How does the crea-ture say Love
How does the crea-ture say Peace*

*God of the a-ges God near at hand
God of the lov-ing heart
How do your child-ren say Joy
How do your chil-dren say Home*

* Call to Confession

Let us confess our sins to God,
who alone has the power to save
and waits in mercy to forgive.

* Corporate Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we have not been humble.
We have discouraged others from seeking you.
We have not sought your wisdom.
Forgive us, O God, and teach us to boast only of you.
Help us to celebrate when others seek after you.
Give us the light of your wisdom and ways,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

* Sung Response No. 551 “LORD, HAVE MERCY”

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

* Declaration of Forgiveness

People of God, the Lord hears, forgives, and saves.
Therefore, be reconciled to one another
and walk humbly before 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:

Dear God, let us not only hear of you
but see you with our own eyes through your Word.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Readings from Scripture

Psalter	Psalm 146:5-10	<i>(Praise for God's Help)</i>	Pg. 549
Wisdom	Job 42:1-9	<i>(Job Is Humbled and Satisfied)</i>	Pg. 462
Gospel	Mark 10:46-52	<i>(The Healing of Blind Bartimaeus)</i>	Pg. 44

Sermon "Christ the Poet"

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* Affirmation of Faith Hymnal Pg. 37, Section 2
*Taken from The Brief Statement of Faith, 1991,
The Book of Confessions, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*

**We trust in Jesus Christ,
fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,
healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain**

and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.

* Hymn No. 450

“BE THOU MY VISION”

SLANE

*Be thou my vi-sion, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
wak-ing or sleep-ing, thy pres-ence my light.*

*Be thou my wis-dom, and thou my true Word;
I ev-er with thee, and thou with me, Lord;
thou my soul's shel-ter, and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heav-en-ward, O Power of my power.*

*Rich-es I heed not, nor vain, em-pty praise;
thou mine in-her-i-tance, now and al-ways;
thou and thou on-ly, first in my heart,
High King of Heav-en, my trea-sure thou art.*

*High King of Heav-en, my vic-to-ry won,
may I reach heav-en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, what-ev-er be-fall,
still be my vi-sion, O Rul-er of all.*

Minute for Mission: UKirk Ministry at UTK

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

**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 Lord is indeed good, for God has blessed us richly.
Let us offer back a portion, in gratitude and love.

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

Let us pray:
God, the creator of the universe,
we offer to you these gifts for the glory of your kingdom,
in the name of God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE SENDING FORTH

- * Hymn No. 726 **“WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME”**
(THE SUMMONS)

KELVINGROVE

*“Will you come and fol-low me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and nev-er be the same?”*

*Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"*

*"Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and nev-er be the same?
Will you risk the hos-tile stare should your life at-tract or scare?
Will you let me an-swer prayer in you and you in me?"*

*"Will you let the blind-ed see if I but call your name?
Will you set the pris-oners free and nev-er be the same?
Will you kiss the lep-er clean, and do such as this un-seen,
and ad-mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"*

*"Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear in-side and ne-ver be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a-round,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"*

*Lord, your sum-mons ech-oes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and fol-low you and nev-er be the same.
In Your com-pa-ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.*

* Benediction

* Sung Response No. 547 "GO, MY CHILDREN, WITH MY BLESSING" ENVIADO
(Verse 1)

*"Go, my child-ren, with my bless-ing, nev-er a-lone.
Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love's bap-tis-mal riv-er
I have made you mine for-ev-er.
Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own."*

* Postlude

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