**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

L: Hear our prayers, O Lord. **P: Let our cry come unto thee.**

L: Let us bless the Lord. **P: Thanks be to God.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER and the LORD’S PRAYER**

**HYMN THIS IS MY FATHER’S WORLD Verses 4, 5 & 6**

This is my Father’s world, He shines in all that’s fair,  
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass,  
He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father’s world, Oh, let me ne’er forget,  
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the ruler yet.

This is my Father’s world, The battle is not done,  
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,  
And earth and Heav’n be one.

**BENEDICTION/SENDING**

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: “God Be With You”**

God be with you till we meet again; God be with you till we meet again;

By his coun-sels guide, uphold you, “Neath His wings protecting hide you,

With His sheep securely fold you; Daily manna still provide you;

God be with you till we meet again. God be with you till we meet again.

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**Bethany Presbyterian Church MORNING WORSHIP**

**October 11th 28th Sunday in Ordinary Worship**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

##### L: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

##### P: Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

##### L: Know that the LORD is God.

##### P: It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, the sheep of His pasture.

##### L: Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name.

##### P: For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations.

##### L: Let us worship God.

**HYMN THIS IS MY FATHER’S WORLD Verses 1, 2 & 3**

This is my Father’s world, And to my list’ning ears,   
All nature sings, and round me rings,   
The music of the spheres.

This is my Father’s world, I rest me in the thought,

Of rocks and trees, of skies andseas,

His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father’s world, The birds their carols raise,  
The morning light, the lily white,  
Declare their Maker’s praise.

**CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

Paul writes in his letter to the Romans that “…all have sinned and fall short of the Glory of God.” Let us together make our confession to our Lord.

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Our heavenly Father, we know you are a God of love and hope. You loved us before we were born. You command us to love one another but too often we only love those we care about. We use the excuse that it is difficult to love those whom we do not like. There is the neighbor who is not kind, the stranger who is rude, family members and friends who are sometimes not very lovable.

Merciful God, forgive us and have mercy on us. We pray that you will help us to always be a people of love and kindness who go forward in your name to bring others to you. Father you know that when we do this, we can begin to look past a person’s outward behavior and begin to pray that they may change and come to know of your love and your wonderful gift of everlasting life. Father we know if we will do these things, you are a merciful God and will forgive us.

**SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

L: By grace we are saved, through faith in Jesus Christ and not by our works alone so we cannot boast. Please join me in the Assurance of Pardon.

**P: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sin, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sin and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Amen**

**GLORIA PATRI CHURCH NEWS**

**THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***(Please greet your neighbor with a virtual hug or handshake or wave saying “The peace of Christ be with you”)***

**REDEDICATION OF SELF AND SUBSTANCE**

**Offertory Doxology Prayer of Dedication**

God has poured out his blessing on us and asks that we return a portion of what He has given us to do the work of His church in this world. Let us pray.

**Our Heavenly Father, we know there is much need in this world. We offer these humble gifts and pray that you will bless them to go forward and help those in need.We pray that you will continue to bless those who give these gifts and to touch the lives of those who receive them.In your Holy name we pray. Amen.**

**LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES**

**Old Testament Psalm 34:12-16**

Whoever of you loves life and desires to see many good days, keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking lies. Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it. The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their cry; the face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth.

**New Testament 1 Peter 10-17**

"Whoever would love life and see good days must keep his tongue from evil and his lips from deceitful speech. He must turn from evil and do good; he must seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. "Do not fear what they fear; do not be frightened."But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord.Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.

**MESSAGE John Norris, AP**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – The Apostles’ Creed**