

Worship Bulletin - Bethel Congregational Church, UCC  
April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter  
“Witness”



**Centering Words**

*(Acts 3, Psalm 4, 1 John 3, Luke 24)*

*Trust God. Trust the miracles you have known. Trust the miracle you can be*



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Sunday – April 14<sup>th</sup> , 2024

Prelude

**Call to Worship (Responsive)**

One: Let us fill our hearts and minds with hope as we hear the Words of Jesus Christ.

**All: “Peace be with you.”**

One: When peace and justice seem uncertain, let us hear anew the Words of Jesus Christ.

**All: “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds?”**

One: Let us be comforted by the presence of Christ, whose love, and light dwells within us.

**All: Let our lives be witnesses of these things.**

One: Help us to be instruments of Christ’s peace to all in need of God’s healing love. Love, not merely in thought and word, but in truth and action.

**All: We will love one another, as Christ loves us.**

**Unison Invocation**

**Risen Christ, create in us a clean heart so that we can meditate in your peace; abide in your mercy; be filled with your justice; and be made new by your love. In your name, we pray. Amen.**

**\*Gathering Hymn**     *They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love*

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.

*[Refrain]: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love*

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,  
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,  
And together we'll spread the news that God is in the land.

*Refrain...*

We will work with each other, we will work side by side,  
We will work with each other, we will work side by side,  
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride.

*Refrain...*

All Praise to our Creator from whom all things come,  
And all praise to Christ Jesus God's only Son,  
and all praise to the Spirit who makes us all one:

*Refrain...*

# They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

Words and Music by  
Peter Scholtes

♩=56

## VERSE

Em D/E Em D/E Em D/E Em D/E



1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the  
 2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in  
 3. We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by  
 4. All — praise to the Cre- a - tor, from — whom all things

4 Em Am D<sup>7</sup>/A Em D/E Em



Lord; We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord. And we  
 hand; We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand. And to -  
 side; We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side. And we'll  
 come; And all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly — Son. And all

9 Am D<sup>7</sup>/A Em D/E Em



pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored. And they'll  
 -geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land.  
 guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save — each one's pride.  
 praise to the Spir - it, who — makes — us — one.

## CHORUS

13 C Em Am



know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our love, yes they'll

17 Em Am D<sup>7</sup>/A Em



know — we are Chris - tians by our love. —

CCLI Song # 26997

# Passing the Peace

## Welcome/Announcements

- Spiritual Studies continues Wednesdays at 7pm – The “OTHER” Books
- Southland Jazz Orchestra Concert – Saturday April 20 4pm
- Southland Wind Ensemble Concert – Saturday April 27 4pm
- Saturday May 4 - Music and Arts Student Recital 2pm (?) Cello Recital (Garibaldi Caputo) 5pm (?)
- Sunday May 5 - Southland Symphony Season Final with Ruslan Biryukov – 4pm

## \*Special Music

### Children's' Time

#### Gloria

Glory to the Creator  
The Christ, the Holy Spirit Three in One  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be  
World without end, Amen, Amen.

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## Glory to the Creator

The musical score is written for guitar and voice in 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. The first system (measures 1-4) has a treble clef and a bass clef. The treble clef staff contains the melody with lyrics underneath. The bass clef staff contains the guitar accompaniment. Chords are indicated above the treble staff: C, G/D, C, G/B, G, C, G/B, Am/C. The second system (measures 5-8) starts with a measure rest in the treble staff. Chords are G/D, D7, G, C, G7, G7. The third system (measures 9-12) starts with a measure rest in the treble staff. Chords are C, G, G/F, C/E, C/G, G7, C. The piece ends with a double bar line and a final chord in the bass staff.

C G/D C G/B G C G/B Am/C  
Glo - ry to the Cre - a - tor, the Christ the Ho - ly Spi - rit

5 G/D D<sup>7</sup> G C G<sup>7</sup> G<sup>7</sup>  
three in one; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er

10 C G G/F C/E C/G G<sup>7</sup> C  
shall be, world with - out end. A - men. A - men.

## **1 John 3:1-7**

**Donna Saxton**

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness.

You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin.

No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him.

Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?"

Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have."

And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.

While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you--that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled."

Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

You are witnesses of these things.

## **PRAYER OF YEARNING (Unison) (Acts 3, Psalm 4)**

Answer us, O God, as we turn to you  
for mercy and strength.  
Listen to the yearnings of our hearts  
and the regrets of our lives.  
Comfort us in our distress  
and pour your grace into our lives. Redeem us with your love,  
that we might rise with Christ,  
newborn and vibrantly alive.  
Grant us the confidence  
to witness to your life-giving love. Amen.

## **WORDS OF GRACE**

Loving God, thank you for the assurance of your grace. You grant us all your peace. Help us to trust in your peace, especially in times of conflict. Believing you will bring peace in our hearts, and to all the earth. Guiding us, so that all may come to know Jesus Christ, who is our Prince of Peace. In his name, we pray. Amen.

## **Prayers of the People**

Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayers – *Call to mind the joys and concerns on your heart*

## **The Lord's Prayer (Unison)**

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory forever and ever. Amen



## Call to the Offering - Invitation

Dr. Mann

Please remember to send your offerings in so that we can continue our ministries.

(If you want a portion of your offering to be designated as something specific, just write that in the message area.) If you forget to write a note with the offering – just email us ([info@BethelUCCOntario.org](mailto:info@BethelUCCOntario.org)) or message us through Facebook.

**Giving Options: In person** – *We are not yet “passing the plate”. You may leave your offering in one of the offering plates (front of the sanctuary, or usher’s table in the rear).*

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## Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving (Unison)

Let us remember that weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes early in the morning. May these gifts of blessing be a sign of the love, light, and glory of our redeeming God who has created a world of abundance with all that we need. May we remain thankful witnesses to your generosity, O God, as we dedicate these offerings to you and your beloved creation.

**\*Singing into Mission      Let There Be Peace on Earth**

Verse 1

Let there be peace on earth  
And let it begin with me  
Let there be peace on earth  
The peace that was meant to be  
With God as our Father  
Brothers/Children all are we  
Let us walk with each other  
In perfect harmony

Verse 2

Let peace begin with me  
Let this be the moment now  
With ev'ry step I take  
Let this be my solemn vow  
To take each moment  
And live each moment  
In peace eternally  
Let there be peace on earth  
And let it begin with me



## Benediction (Unison)

Living God, we are witnesses to your love and light.

Your peace is seen in the dawning of each new day.

Your equal justice bears witness in the interconnected universe that you have created.

Faithful God, help us to feel the warmth of your loving light in the cooler moments of life.

As we leave this worship service, let us go back into the world renewed as instruments of your loving peace and justice for all.

May it be so. Amen.



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*God sends us to serve, but God does not send us alone.*

*The Spirit is with us in the world, guiding our steps and protecting our paths. Christ yearns for us to be one in ministry and service, and one in community and faith—a unity that we discover through the Spirit's miraculous power in our lives. Sent to serve, we are sent not only with the power of the Spirit, but also with the power of unity with one another.*

*Embracing this unity with both the Holy Spirit and one another opens a path to the "complete joy" that Christ prays we may one day know.*