

Worship Bulletin - Bethel Congregational Church UCC

June 14, 2026 – Third Sunday after Pentecost

“Harvest”



Centering Words (Matthew 9:19-20)

...what you are to say will be given to you at that time, for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.



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Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

Quienquiera que seas y dondequiera que estés en el camino de la vida, eres bienvenido aquí.

Bethel Congregational Church, UCC

Sunday – June 14, 2026

Prelude

Music for Gathering

Sandy Gunn

Call to Worship

One: As surely as the new day has dawned,
God comes to meet us and be known by us

**Many: I will sing to God and trust God's steadfast love,
My heart rejoices in God's saving grace**

One: God gives life to the dead and creates new things from nothing

Many: We believe, against all hope, that new life can be wrought in us

One: Jesus invited people to fresh starts with the words "Follow Me"

Many: We want to respond with our lives, to take the risks of discipleship

One: God will raise us up and equip us for our life of service.

**Many: We rejoice in God's promises and devote this hour to prayer and
praise.**

One: Amen.

Many: Amen.

Unison Opening Prayer

God who calls us, we are here, here to serve, and here to worship.

We are here to sing and to pray,

to let the word resound in us and the community to envelop us.

We are here, O God, to know you and be known by you.

We enter with thanksgiving and praise.

We enter in safety of love and hope of peace.

Holy One, we respond to your call.

We are here. Amen.

***Gathering Hymn**

Here I Am, Lord

I the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord?

I have heard You calling in the night

I will go Lord, If You lead me

I will hold Your people in my heart

I the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My people's pain
I have wept for love of them, They turn away
I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone
I will speak My word to them, Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord?

I have heard You calling in the night

I will go Lord, If You lead me

I will hold Your people in my heart

I the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide, till their hearts be satisfied
I will give my Life to them, Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord?

I have heard You calling in the night

I will go Lord, If You lead me

I will hold Your people in my heart

Here I Am Lord

Verses



1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo-ple's pain.
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



1. All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save. I, who
2. I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
3. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin-est



1. made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
2. break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love a - lone.
3. bread I will pro - vide Till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



1. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
2. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
3. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo-ple in my heart.

Welcome, Passing the Peace – Announcements

- **Sundays** – Worship! (Bethel 10am Sanctuary/Parlor; FCCO 11:30am)
- **Wednesdays** – 4:30pm – OYS; 6pm Scouts(basement)
- **Thursdays 10am** - Qi-Gong/Tai Chi
- **Fridays** – evenings SWE Rehearsals (sanctuary/parlor)

Musicians' Club Today - Sunday June 14 3:30pm

SWE Concert – Sat June 20 4pm

Special Music

Children's Time

Kids' Video

* 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.

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 D⁷ G C G⁷ G⁷

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 G⁷ C

shall be, world with - out end. A - men. A - men.

Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7)

18 The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. He said, “My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, “Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.” Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, “Where is your wife Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the tent.” Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I be fruitful?” The Lord said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.” But Sarah denied, saying, “I did not laugh,” for she was afraid. He said, “Yes, you did laugh.”

21 The Lord dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as he had promised. Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. Now Sarah said, “God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me.” And she said, “Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.”

Then Jesus made a circuit of all the towns and villages. He taught in their meeting places, reported kingdom news, and healed their diseased bodies, healed their bruised and hurt lives. When he looked out over the crowds, his heart broke. So confused and aimless they were, like sheep with no shepherd. “What a huge harvest!” he said to his disciples. “How few workers! On your knees and pray for harvest hands!”

The prayer was no sooner prayed than it was answered. Jesus called twelve of his followers and sent them into the ripe fields. He gave them power to kick out the evil spirits and to tenderly care for the bruised and hurt lives. This is the list of the twelve he sent:

Simon (they called him Peter, or “Rock”),
Andrew, his brother,
James, Zebedee’s son,
John, his brother,
Philip,
Bartholomew,
Thomas,
Matthew, the tax man,
James, son of Alphaeus,
Thaddaeus,
Simon, the Canaanite,
Judas Iscariot (who later turned on him).

Jesus sent his twelve harvest hands out with this charge:

“Don’t begin by traveling to some far-off place to convert unbelievers. And don’t try to be dramatic by tackling some public enemy. Go to the lost, confused people right here in the neighborhood. Tell them that the kingdom is here. Bring health to the sick. Raise the dead. Touch the untouchables. Kick out the demons. You have been treated generously, so live generously.

“Don’t think you have to put on a fund-raising campaign before you start. You don’t need a lot of equipment. You are the equipment, and all you need to keep that going is three meals a day. Travel light.

“When you enter a town or village, don’t insist on staying in a luxury inn. Get a modest place with some modest people, and be content there until you leave.

“When you knock on a door, be courteous in your greeting. If they welcome you, be gentle in your conversation. If they don’t welcome you, quietly withdraw. Don’t make a scene. Shrug your shoulders and be on your way. You can be sure that on Judgment Day they’ll be mighty sorry—but it’s no concern of yours now.

“Stay alert. This is hazardous work I’m assigning you. You’re going to be like sheep running through a wolf pack, so don’t call attention to yourselves. Be as shrewd as a snake, inoffensive as a dove.

“Don’t be naive. Some people will question your motives, others will smear your reputation—just because you believe in me. Don’t be upset when they haul you before the civil authorities. Without knowing it, they’ve done you—and me—a favor, given you a platform for preaching the kingdom news! And don’t worry about what you’ll say or how you’ll say it. The right words will be there; the Spirit of your Father will supply the words.

“When people realize it is the living God you are presenting and not some idol that makes them feel good, they are going to turn on you, even people in your own family. There is a great irony here: proclaiming so much love, experiencing so much hate! But don’t quit. Don’t cave in. It is all well worth it in the end. It is not success you are after in such times but survival. Be survivors! Before you’ve run out of options, the Son of Man will have arrived.

Sermon

“Harvest”

Dr. Sylvia Lee Mann

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

God of Grace, we give you thanks for love that transcends our shortcomings, that greets us with mercy, and that offers the possibility of transformed life.

Plant seeds in us that will stretch our faith in you and in us.

Nurture us to live miraculous lives.

Let our faith and our work join with your power

to make us fruitful despite our limitations, doubts, and fears.

May the fruit we produce add sustenance and hope in your blessed community.

Amen.

Words of Assurance (Genesis 18, Psalm 116)

God listens closely to the
deepest yearnings of our hearts.

God is listening now.

God has heard the cry of your heart,
and will be steadfast in love and grace
to answer our every need.

Prayers of the People (Joys and Concerns)

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

Offering

Invitation to Generosity (Pastor)

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) 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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Unison Prayer of Dedication & Thanksgiving

(Psalm 116, Romans 5, 1 Corinthians 13)

Faithful and loving God, bless these gifts
with your faithfulness and love.

Bless our lives to be faithful and loving.

And bless our world with your promises of faith, hope,
peace, and love—

knowing always that the greatest of these
is love. Amen.

Singing into Mission The Summons (Kelvingrove)

Will you come and follow Me If I but call your name
Will you go where you don't know And never 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 yourself behind If I but call your name
Will you care for cruel and kind And never be the same
Will you risk the hostile stare Should your life attract or scare
Will you let Me answer prayer In you and you in Me

Will you let the blinded see If I but call your name
Will you set the prisoners free And never be the same
Will you kiss the leper clean And do such as this unseen
And admit 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 inside And never be the same
Will you use the faith you've found To reshape the world around
Through My sight and touch and sound In you and you in Me

Lord Your summons echoes true When You but call my name
Let me turn and follow You And never be the same
In Your company I'll go Where Your love and footsteps show
Thus I'll move and live and grow In You and You in me

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The Summons

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Music
Scottish melody, Kelvingrove

♩ = 140

VERSE

F C⁷ Dm Gm⁷



1. Will you come and fol - low Me if I but call
 2. Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3. Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call
 5. Lord, Your sum - mons ech - oes true when You but call

6 C^{sus} C F C⁷ Dm



your name? _____ Will you go where you don't know and nev - er
 your name? _____ Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er
 your name? _____ Will you set the pris - 'ners free and nev - er
 your name? _____ Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er
 my name? _____ Let me turn and fol - low You and nev - er

13 Gm⁷ B^b/C F Gm⁷ B^b



be the same? _____ Will you let My love be shown, _____
 be the same? _____ Will you risk the hos - tile stare _____
 be the same? _____ Will you kiss the lep - er clean, _____
 be the same? _____ Will you use the faith you've found _____
 be the same? _____ In Your com - pa - ny I'll go _____

20 Am⁷ B^b⁶ C^{sus} C F



— will you let My name be known? _____ Will you let My
 — should your life at - tract or scare? _____ Will you let Me
 — and do such as this un - seen, _____ and ad - mit to
 — to re - shape the world a - round _____ through my sight and
 — where Your love and foot - steps show. _____ Thus I'll move and

26 C⁷ Dm Gm⁷ B^b/C F



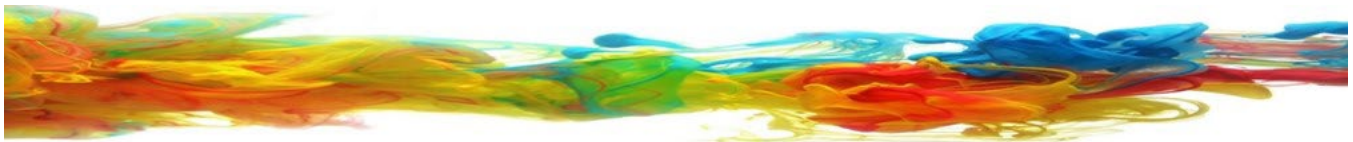
life be grown in you and you in Me? _____
 an - swer prayer in you and you in Me? _____
 what I mean in you and you in Me? _____
 touch and sound in you and you in Me? _____
 live and grow in You and You in me. _____

Unison Benediction

When you leave this place,
go with confidence
in God's gracious love and mercy.
Go, ready to proclaim the good news
and serve our Lord by caring for others.
AMEN.

Postlude

Carillon



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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.*

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