

Worship Bulletin - Bethel Congregational Church UCC

June 1, 2025 – Seventh Sunday of Easter

Ascension Sunday - Communion



Jesus Prays – That We Might Be One

Centering Words (*Acts 1, Luke 24, Acts 16, Revelation 22, John 17*)

God's glory is seen, not just in the heavens, but in our everyday lives.



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Prelude Music

Responsive Call to Worship

ONE: The roots of the Tree of Life run deep into the sacred soil.

MANY: The limbs of the Tree of Life reach out to embrace the goodness of all creation.

ONE: The trunk of the Tree of Life stands strong in the face of hatred and malice toward the least, the lonely, the left out.

MANY: The branches of the Tree of Life struggle toward the heavens, hoping to bring about God's reign of justice and love for all.

ONE: The winds of the Spirit breathe through the Tree of Life, bringing renewal and hope.

MANY: May our worship this day be a worthy offering that supports the Tree of Life and brings the goodness of the Sacred to our world.

Unison Opening Prayer (Acts 1, Luke 24)

God of mystery, part the veil that keeps us from seeing your full glory and might. Open our eyes to behold the risen Christ, who ascended to you in glory. Open our hearts this day, that our spirits may ascend to you as he ascended that day. Focus our thoughts on the power and truth of your words, that we may move beyond the mundane to contemplate mysteries and wonders worthy of our meditations. Give us courage and joy that we might be witnesses to your eternal love through Christ Jesus. May we be found worthy of your great gifts, and may we be clothed with your power on high. Amen.

Refrain

*One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.*

1. Gentile or Jew,
servant or free,
woman or man, no more. *Refrain*

2. Many the gifts,
many the works,
one in the Lord of all. *Refrain*

3. Grain for the fields,
scattered and grown,
gathered to one, for all. *Refrain*

Text: Based on 1 Corinthians 10:16–17; 12:4, 12–13, 20; Galatians 3:28; Ephesians 4:4–6; The Didache 9.

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One Bread, One Body

Refrain (Unison)

Chords: D7 G C G C G D Em B

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all,

Chords: Em D G Em A7 D7

one cup of bless-ing which we bless. And

Chords: G C G C G D Em B

we, though man-y through-out the earth,

Chords: Em D G Em A7 D7 G C (G) Fine

we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

1. Gen-tile or Jew, ser-vant or free,
 2. Man-y the gifts, man-y the works,
 3. Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,

wom-an or man, no more.
 one in the Lord of all. One
 gath-ered to one, for all.

Passing the Peace - Announcements/Regular and Special Events

- **Sundays** – Worship! (Bethel 10am Sanctuary/Parlor; FCCO 11:30am)
- **Mondays** – Southland Jazz Orchestra Rehearsals 7-9:30 (per calendar)
- **Wednesdays** – **Scouts**: 6pm (basement).
 - **OYS**: 5 – 6:45pm June 4 – July 16.
 - **Spiritual Studies**: 7pm (Parlor) “Resistance”/”How We Learn To Be Brave”
- **Thursdays at 10am** - Qi-Gong
- **Fridays** – evenings SWE Rehearsals (sanctuary/parlor)
- **Saturdays** –FCCO Korean Fellowship 10-2
- **CONCERTS: June 14 4pm** – **Southland Wind Ensemble Season Finale!**

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.

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Glory to the Creator

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of three systems of music. Each system has a treble and a bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. Chords are indicated above the treble staff.

System 1:

Chords: C, G/D, C, G/B, G, C, G/B, Am/C

Lyrics: Glo - ry to the Cre - a - tor, the Christ the Ho - ly Spi - rit

System 2:

Chords: G/D, D⁷, G, C, G⁷, G⁷

Lyrics: three in one; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er

System 3:

Chords: C, G, G/F, C/E, C/G, G⁷, C

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

Gospel Readings

Luke 24:44–53

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. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

John 17:20–26

“I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

“Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

SERMON ***“Jesus Prays – That We Might Be One”***

Rev. Dr. Sylvia Lee Mann

Prayer of Yearning - Responsive -

ONE: God of life, you have created every human being in your image and likeness. We sing your praise for the gift of our many cultures, expressions of faith, traditions and ethnicities. Grant us the courage always to stand against injustice and hatred and fear of those not like ourselves.

MANY: God of peace, God of love, in you is our hope!

ONE: Merciful God, you have shown us in Christ that we are one in you. Teach us to use this gift in the world so that believers of all faiths in every country may be able to listen to each other and live in peace.

MANY: God of peace, God of love, in you is our hope!

ONE: O Jesus, you came into the world and shared fully in our humanity. You know the hardships of life for people who suffer in so many different ways. May the Spirit of compassion move us to share our time, life and goods with all those in need.

MANY: God of peace, God of love, in you is our hope!

ONE: Holy Spirit, you hear the fury of your wounded creation and the cries of those already suffering from climate change. Guide us toward new behaviours. May we learn to live in harmony as part of your creation.

MANY: God of peace, God of love, in you is our hope!

Prayers of the People – *Sharing our Joys and Concerns*

Silent Prayer – *bring your personal prayers to God*

Words of Assurance (Pastor)

We are indeed capable of opening our minds and our hearts and then to move in the world to live like Jesus had. We are looking up and looking out so that we may love, repent, and forgive one another for we do indeed sense the image of GOD throughout all of Creation.

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**

Holy Communion

Invitation

Prayer

Words of Remembrance

Sharing of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Holy Creator, we remember the sacrifice of Jesus, and all who follow to bring your light and love to the world. May this bread and drink nourish us as they are the symbol of Christ's essence in all of us.

In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Offering - Invitation to Generosity (Pastor)

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 and Thanksgiving

Glorious God, as we dedicate these gifts to you,
may we shine with your glory and grace.

Shine through these gifts and through our very lives,
that others may experience the beauty of your love
and the power of your presence. Amen.

Refrain

*Peace I leave with you, my friends,
Shalom, my peace, in all you do.
Peace I leave with you, my friends.
I give to you so you can give to others, too.*

1. To share God's love is why I came.
To show God's kindness without end.
Go now, my friends, and do the same,
Until I come again.

Refrain

2. Take my hand and be at peace;
The spirit of our love I send.
And with this love you will be free,
Until I come again.

Refrain

3. With this love now all will know
That loneliness is at an end.
Rejoice my friends, although I go,
for I will come again.

Refrain

Refrain

D Em G D F#m

Peace I leave with you, my friends, sha-lom, my peace, in

Em Gm D Em G D F#m

all you do. Peace I leave with you, my friends. I give to

Bm Em G D 1-2 3

you so you can give to oth - ers, too.

D Em G D

1 To share God's love is why I came,
2 Take my hand and be at peace;
3 With this love now all will know

F#m Em/G Gm

to show God's kind - ness with - out end.
the spir - it of our love I send.
that lone - li - ness is at an end.

D Em G D

Go now, my friends, and do the same,
 And with this love you will be free,
 Re-joice, my friends, al-though I go,

F#m G A7 to Refrain

un-til I come a - gain.
 un-til I come a - gain.
 for I will come a - gain.

Benediction (Blessing) - Unison

We are called to witness to God's love. We prepare our hearts and spirits to receive power from on high. Go into God's world in confidence, offering healing and hope to all you meet. Go in peace and may God's peace be with you. 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.