

Worship Bulletin - Bethel Congregational Church UCC

September 20, 2026 – 17th Sunday after Pentecost

“Is it Enough?”



CENTERING WORDS (Exodus 16, Psalm 105, Matthew 20)

God showers us with blessings, even when we complain. Perhaps especially when we complain. This is good news indeed!



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In Person & Live Streaming Sundays at 10am

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.

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Sunday – September 20, 2026

Prelude

Music for Gathering

Call to Worship (*Exodus 16, Philippians 1, Matthew 20*)

ONE: Mighty God, we enter your presence with thanksgiving and hope.
You have formed us as your people.

**MANY: You join us on the journey of life through valleys, upon mountains,
and on the plains.**

ONE: We set our attention and seek your wisdom, encouragement, and grace.

**MANY: Reveal your will and display your glory among your people as we
worship your holy name.**

Unison Opening Prayer

**Sovereign and Awesome God,
we come to worship you,
to know you and to be known by you.**

Expand our hearts to love fully.

Build our courage to receive the truth.

Nurture our spirits to be gracious, merciful, and kind.

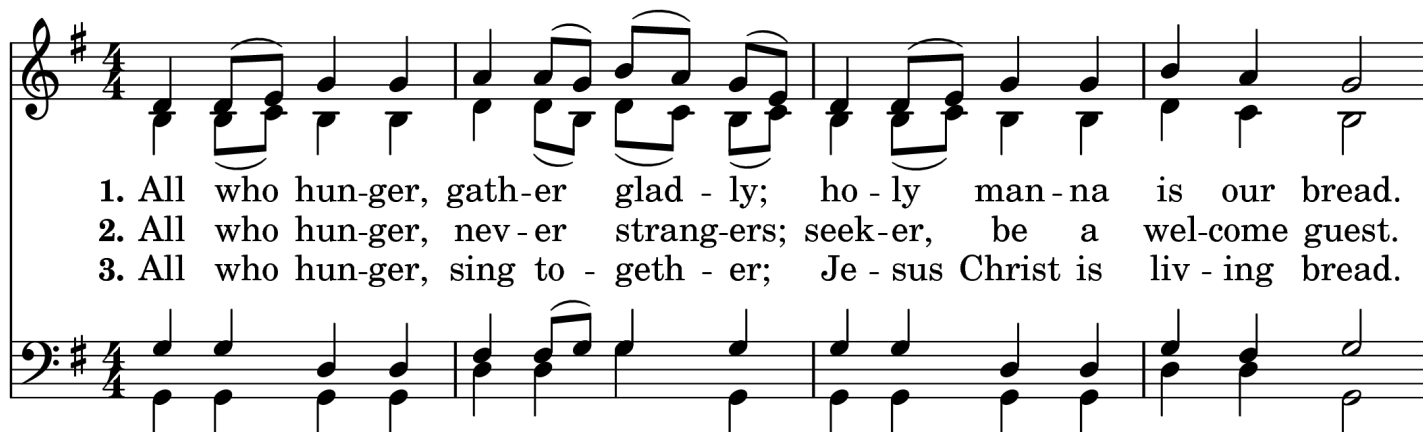
Transform us in your image and for your glory as we dwell in your presence.

Amen.

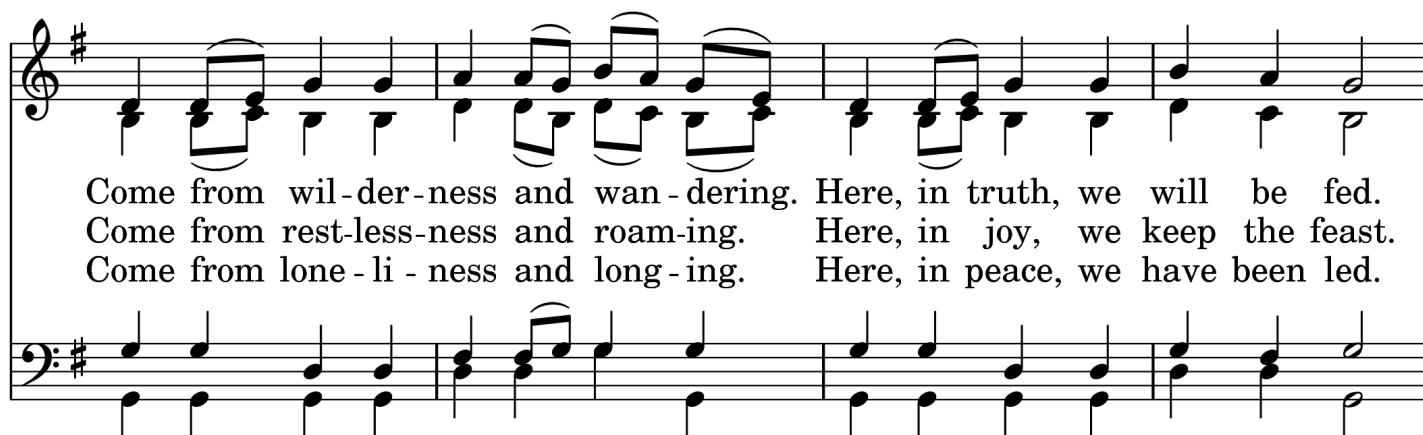
***Gathering Hymn** *All Who Hunger Gather Gladly*

1. All who hunger, gather gladly;
Holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wand'ring.
Here, in truth, we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness,
All around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.
2. All who hunger, never strangers,
Seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming.
Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered
In communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.
3. All who hunger, sing together;
Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing.
Here, in peace, we have been led.
Blest are those who from this table
Live their lives in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

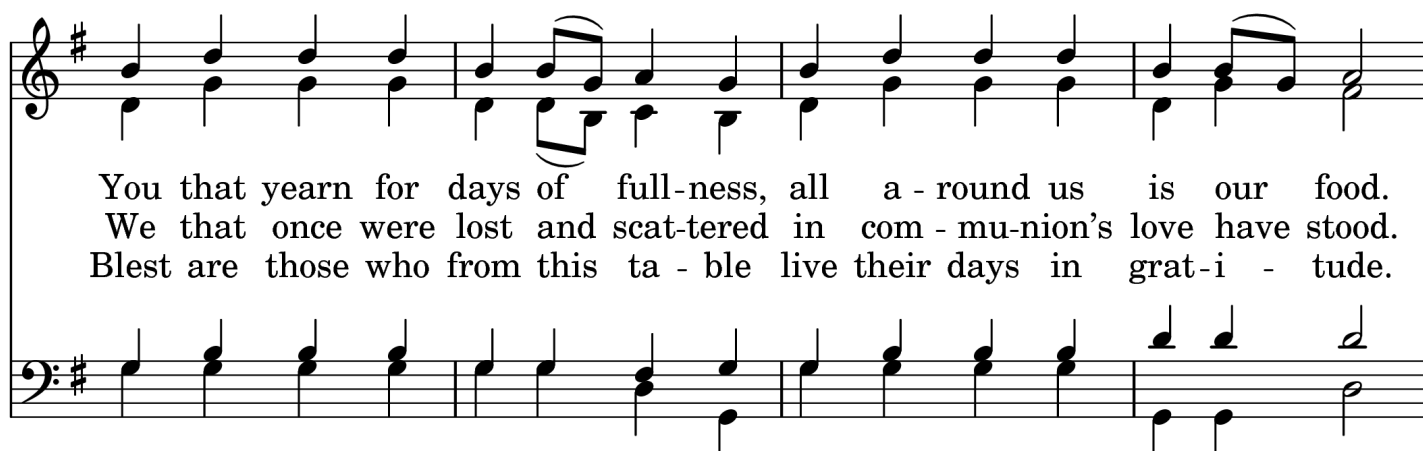
All Who Hunger



1. All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na is our bread.
2. All who hun-ger, nev-er strang-ers; seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
3. All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er; Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil-der-ness and wan - dering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
Come from lone - li - ness and long-ing. Here, in peace, we have been led.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a - round us is our food.
We that once were lost and scat-tered in com - mu-nion's love have stood.
Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat-i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

Welcome, Passing the Peace – Announcements

- **Sundays** – Worship! (Bethel 10am Sanctuary/Parlor; FCCO 11:30am)
- **Sunday September 18** – Blessing of the Animals
- **Sundays 9:15am** – Pop-Up Choir practice!
- **Thursdays 10am** - Qi-Gong/Tai Chi
- **Sign up to join Bethel's Relay Team!**
- <https://secure.acsevents.org/goto/BethelOntario>

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.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of three systems of music. Each system has a treble staff 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.

Exodus 16:2-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him--what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord."

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'"

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

[And Jesus said:] "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Prayer for Transformation and New Life (*Unison*)

God of abundance, forgive us for embracing a worldview that capitalizes on scarcity. Help us to know that you have given us enough for our journey. You have created us wonderfully and uniquely. Forgive us for comparing ourselves with our neighbor when we are called to love them.

Help us to place our trust in your mercy and your compassionate love, and to understand the power of your grace and love. Forgive us when we stray from your ways and wander into paths of self-pity and self-destruction. Forgive us, generous Lord, when we have been petty about your love.

Help us to embrace how you have made us as individuals who may bring our singular gifts to our common life. Heal and restore us. Help us reach out with love and hope to others in the name of Jesus Christ. AMEN.

Words Assurance and Grace (*Pastor*)

Beloved, you are enough. God loves you as you are for who you are. We, collectively, have enough and may share in a common life where all may flourish and live in harmony as our Creator intended and designed. You are forgiven and free to embrace the life that is uniquely yours.

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

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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Blessing of the Gifts (*Unison*)

Loving God, thank you for the opportunity to participate in spreading the good news through the impact of the resources we offer today. Bless these gifts, magnify them, and sanctify them for your glory. Amen.

Singing into Mission *We'll Build A Land* Carolyn McDade

We'll build a land where we bind up the broken.
We'll build a land where the captives go free,
where the oil of gladness dissolves all mourning.
Oh, we'll build a promised land that can be.
*Come build a land where sisters and brothers,
anointed by God, may then create peace:
where justice shall roll down like waters,
and peace like an ever flowing stream.*

We'll build a land where we bring the good tidings
to all the afflicted and all those who mourn.
And we'll give them garlands instead of ashes.
Oh, we'll build a land where peace is born.
*Come build a land where sisters and brothers,
anointed by God, may then create peace:
where justice shall roll down like waters,
and peace like an ever flowing stream.*

We'll be a land building up ancient cities,
raising up devastations from old;
restoring ruins of generations.
Oh, we'll build a land of people so bold.
*Come build a land where sisters and brothers,
anointed by God, may then create peace:
where justice shall roll down like waters,
and peace like an ever flowing stream.*

Come, build a land where the mantles of praises
resound from spirits once faint and once weak;
where like oaks of righteousness stand her people.
Oh, come build the land, my people we seek.
*Come build a land where sisters and brothers,
anointed by God, may then create peace:
where justice shall roll down like waters,
and peace like an ever flowing stream.*

We'll Build a Land

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1. We'll build a land where we bind up the bro - ken.
2. We'll build a land where we bring the good tid - ings to
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give them gar - lands in - stead of ash - es. Oh,
stor - ing ru - ins of gen - er - a - tions. Oh,
oaks of right - eous - ness stand her peo - ple. Oh,

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we'll build a prom - ised land that can be.
we'll build a land where peace land is born.
we'll build a land of peo - ple so bold.
come build the land, my peo - ple we seek.

Come build a land where sis - ters and broth - ers, a - point - ed by

God, may then cre - ate peace: where jus - tice shall roll

down like wa - ters, and peace like an ev - er flow - ing stream.

Unison Benediction

God shows mercy and love to all God's people.

Go into the world where strife and injustices prevail and bring God's love to each one, not counting the cost, but rejoicing in the sharing.

May the love of God assure you, the hope of God guide you, and the peace of God sustain you as you go receiving and extending God's grace in the world.

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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