

# Worship Bulletin - Bethel Congregational Church UCC

June 21, 2026 – Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

“No Fear for the Journey”



*Centering Words (Genesis 21, Romans 6, Matthew 10)*

*Following the leader was simple in childhood. But following our leader, Christ Jesus, is far from simple—and often entails dangers, toils, and snares that only grace can guide us through.*



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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.*

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Sunday – June 21, 2026

**Prelude**

Music for Gathering

Sandy Gunn

**Call to Worship**

ONE: Through many dangers, toils, and snares,

**MANY: we have already come.**

ONE: Through days of joy and nights of fear,

**MANY: we've traveled this far by faith.**

ONE: Through life, through death,

**MANY: Christ walks with us.**

ONE: We are not alone.

**MANY: Thanks be to God!**

ONE: In this promise,

**MANY: let's worship God together.**

**Unison Opening Prayer** (*Genesis 21, Psalm 86*)

Holy One, come to us now in this time of worship.

Be present our lives,

that you may hear our cries,

and speak to our souls.

Give us your strength,

that we may live all the days of our lives

in steadfast faith and hope

**\*Gathering Hymn**

*Great is Your Faithfulness*

1 Great is your faithfulness, O God, Creator,  
with you no shadow of turning we see.  
You do not change, your compassions they fail not;  
all of your goodness forever will be.  
*Great is your faithfulness! Great is your faithfulness!*  
*Morning by morning new mercies I see;*  
*All I have needed your hand has provided,*  
*Great is your faithfulness, God, unto me!*

2 Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
to your great faithfulness, mercy, and love.  
*Great is your faithfulness! Great is your faithfulness!*  
*Morning by morning new mercies I see;*  
*All I have needed your hand has provided,*  
*Great is your faithfulness, God, unto me!*

3 Pardon for sin and a peace so enduring,  
your own dear presence to cheer and to guide.  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine with ten thousand beside.  
*Great is your faithfulness! Great is your faithfulness!*  
*Morning by morning new mercies I see;*  
*All I have needed your hand has provided,*  
*Great is your faithfulness, God, unto me!*

Lam. 3:22-23

Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923; alt.

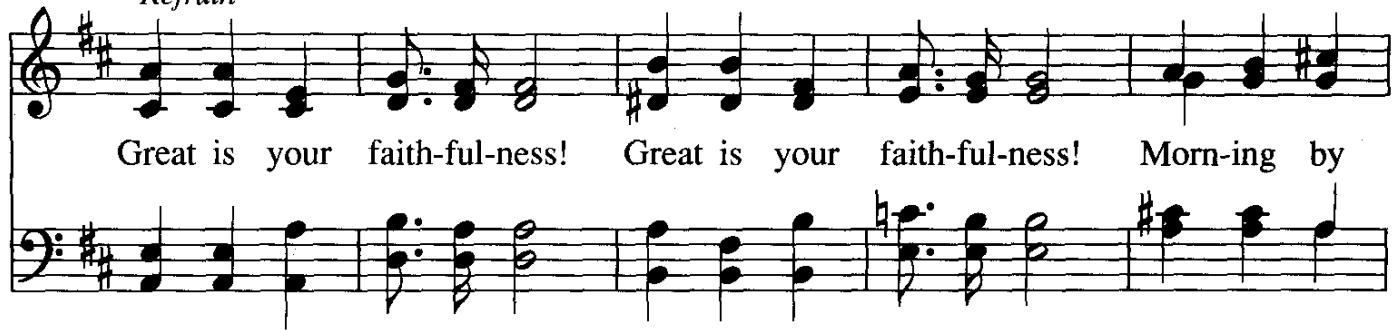
1 Great is your faith - ful - ness, O God, Cre - a - tor,\*  
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,  
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace so en - dur - ing,

with you no shad - ow of turn - ing we see.  
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove,  
 your own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide.

You do not change, your com - pas - sions they fail not;  
 Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness  
 Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

all of your good - ness for - ev - er will be.  
 to your great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
 bless - ings all mine with ten thou - sand be - side.

*Refrain*



Great is your faith-ful-ness! Great is your faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by



morn-ing new mer - cies I see; All I have need - ed your



hand has pro - vid - ed, Great is your faith - ful - ness, God, un - to me!

## Welcome, Passing the Peace – Announcements

- **Sundays** – Worship! (Bethel 10am Sanctuary/Parlor; FCCO 11:30am)
- **Sunday June 28 9:15am** – Pop-Up Choir practice!
- **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**

**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

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.

Detailed description: The image shows a musical score for a piece titled 'Glory to the Creator'. It is written in 4/4 time and consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a guitar accompaniment line on a bass clef staff. Chords are indicated above the vocal line. The lyrics are: 'Glo - ry to the Cre - a - tor, the Christ the Ho - ly Spi - rit three in one; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men. A - men.' The score ends with a double bar line and a final chord (C).

**Gospel Reading Matthew 10:24-39** (*Priests for Equality. The Inclusive Bible*) **Dr. Mann**

“A student is not superior to the teacher; the follower is not above the leader. The student should be glad simply to become like the teacher, the follower like the leader. “If the head of the house has been called Beelzebul, how much more the members of the household! “Don’t let people intimidate you. Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, and nothing is hidden that will not be made known. What I tell you in darkness, speak in the light. What you hear in private, proclaim from the housetops. “Don’t fear those who can deprive the body of life but can’t destroy the soul. Rather, fear the one who can destroy both body and soul in Gehenna. “Are not the sparrows sold for pennies? Yet not a single sparrow falls to the ground without your Abba God’s knowledge. As for you, every hair of your head has been counted. So don’t be afraid of anything—you are worth more than an entire flock of sparrows. “Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will acknowledge before Abba God in heaven. Whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before Abba God in heaven. “Don’t suppose that I came to bring peace on earth. I came not to bring peace, but a sword. I have come to turn

‘A son against his father,  
a daughter against her mother,  
in-law against in-law.

One’s enemies will be the members of one’s own household.’

“Those who love mother or father, daughter or son more than me are not worthy of me. Those who will not carry with them the instrument of their own death—following in my footsteps—are not worthy of me. “You who have found your life will lose it, and you who lose your life for my sake will find it.

**Sermon**

**“No Fear for the Journey”**

Dr. Sylvia Lee Mann

**Prayer of Yearning** (*Genesis 21, Psalm 86, Matthew 10*)

Merciful God, hear our prayer.

Hear the cries of our hearts

and the needs of our souls.

When we are cast aside or falling apart,

hold us in your arms of love.

Help us sing once again of your love

and proclaim your strength and grace.

Show us signs of your goodness, your presence,

and your love, over and over again.

Teach our hearts that we never walk alone.

In your mercy and grace, we pray. Amen.

**Words of Assurance** (*Psalm 86, Romans 6*)

God is a wonder-worker,

and Christ is the wonder of love in our midst.

This wondrous love is enough for every trouble we face.

**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](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).*

**Give online** at [www.betheluccontario.org](http://www.betheluccontario.org),



To use a credit or debit card, use the yellow “Donate” button (processed by PayPal – no PP account required), or green Tithe.ly button (Processed by Tithe.ly)



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**Unison Prayer of Dedication & Thanksgiving** (*Genesis 21, Romans 6, Matthew 10, Father’s Day*)

Gracious God, you have blessed us as our Father,  
as our Mother, and as our companion and friend.  
Jesus, you have blessed as redeemer and teacher,  
and as a master and guide.

We thank you for those who help us discover  
your parenting love, your guiding companionship,  
and your loving grace.

Bless these gifts this day,  
that others might touch your loving presence  
in all of life. Amen.

We are marching in the light of God,  
We are marching in the light of God  
We are marching in the light of God,  
We are marching in the light of God  
*We are marching (marching), We are marching Oh Oh*  
*We are marching in the light of God*  
*We are marching (marching), We are marching Oh Oh*  
*We are marching in the light of God*

We are living in the love of God,  
We are living in the love of God  
We are living in the love of God,  
We are living in the love of God  
*We are living (living), We are living Oh Oh*  
*We are living in the love of God*  
*We are living (living), We are living Oh Oh*  
*We are living in the love of God*

We are moving in the power of God,  
We are moving in the power of God  
We are moving in the power of God,  
We are moving in the power of God  
*We are moving (moving), We are moving Oh Oh*  
*We are moving in the power of God*  
*We are moving (moving), We are moving Oh Oh*  
*We are moving in the power of God*

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# We Are Marching

(Siyahamba/Caminando)

B E B E/B E A

(English) We are march - ing\* in the light of God, we are

1

3 B E B

march - ing in the light of God. We are

2.

5 B E/B E A/E E<sup>7</sup> E<sup>7</sup>/G# A

marching in the light of God we are marching

E A B E B

8 (Last time) D.S.

— Ooo we are marching in the light of God. We are

V. 2 – We are living in the love of God V. 3 We are moving in the power of God

## Unison Benediction (*Matthew 10*)

Guided by God,  
we go into the world.  
Led by Christ,  
we go with love and grace.  
Strengthened by the Spirit,  
we go to make the world a better place.  
Amen and 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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