

# Worship Bulletin - Bethel Congregational Church UCC

June 22, 2025

Second Sunday after Pentecost



## Sermon – “What About Those Pigs?”

**Centering Words** (1 Kings 19, Psalm 42, Luke 8)

*When fear and despair try to run the show, hope and faith bring us back to God,  
whose love is stronger still.*



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## Prelude Music

## Responsive Call to Worship

L: Break down the barriers that divide us, O Lord.

**P: Tear down the walls of hostility and fear.**

L: Melt the barbed wire of anger and hatred.

**P: Breathe new life into your people, O God.**

L: For we are called to newness in Christ Jesus.

**P: We are all brothers and sisters through God's love.**

L: Come, let us worship the God who removes obstacles from our paths.

**P: Let us praise God who seeks to unite us in peace. AMEN.**

## Unison Opening Prayer *(1 Kings 19, Luke 8)*

God of power and might,  
bring your awesome presence  
into our worship and our world.  
Open us to your wholeness and healing  
and embolden us to answer your call,  
that we might face unafraid  
the demons of this world. Amen.

## Gathering Hymn

## *Go Down, Moses (When Israel Was in Egypt's Land)*

1 When Israel was in Egypt's land,  
Let my people go,  
Oppressed so hard they could not stand,  
Let my people go.  
*Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land,  
Tell old Pharaoh to let my people go.*

2 "Thus spoke our God," bold Moses said,  
"Let my people go;  
If not, I'll smite your first-born dead,  
Let my people go."  
*Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land,  
Tell old Pharaoh to let my people go.*

3 No more in bondage shall they toil,  
Let my people go,  
Nor spill their blood on Egypt's soil,  
Let my people go.  
*Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land,  
Tell old Pharaoh to let my people go.*

4 Oh, let us all from bondage flee,  
Let my people go,  
And let us all in Christ be free,  
Let my people go.  
*Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land,  
Tell old Pharaoh to let my people go.*

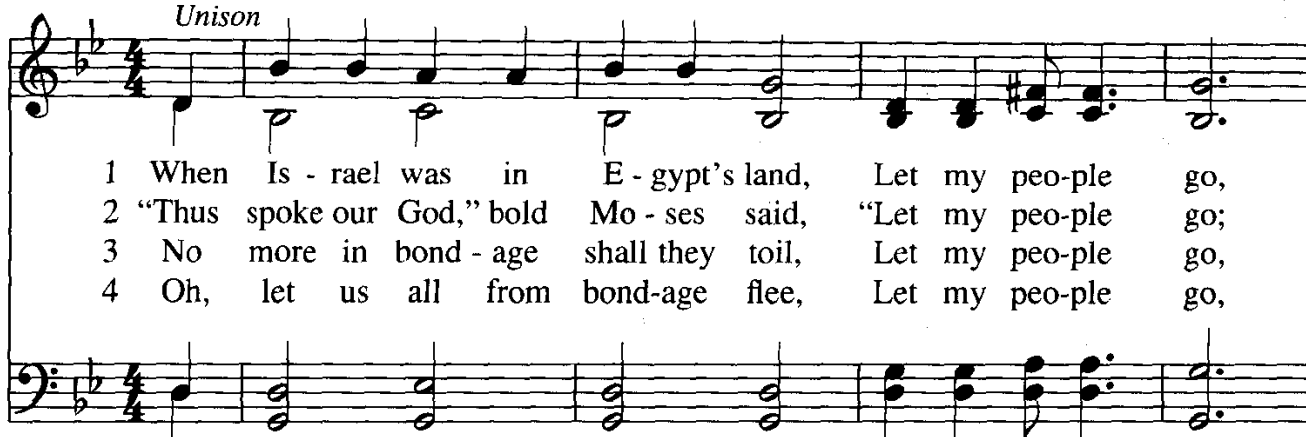
# When Israel Was in Egypt's Land

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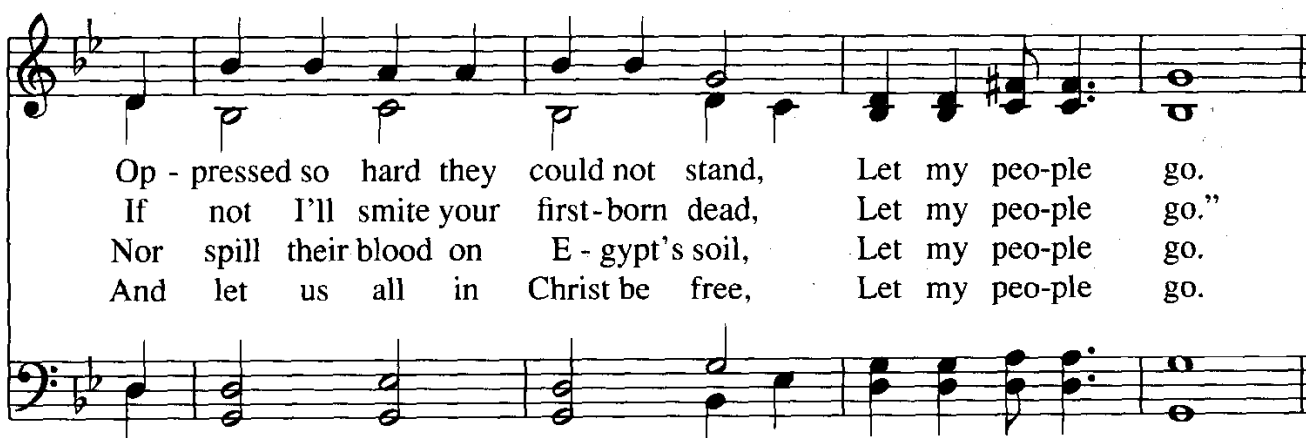
*African-American spiritual; alt.*

*Exod. 3:7-12; 7:16; 8:1, 20; 9:1, 13; 10:3*

## Unison



1 When Is - rael was in E - gypt's land, Let my peo-ple go,  
2 "Thus spoke our God," bold Mo - ses said, "Let my peo-ple go;  
3 No more in bond - age shall they toil, Let my peo-ple go,  
4 Oh, let us all from bond-age flee, Let my peo-ple go,



Op - pressed so hard they could not stand, Let my peo-ple go.  
If not I'll smite your first-born dead, Let my peo-ple go."  
Nor spill their blood on E - gypt's soil, Let my peo-ple go.  
And let us all in Christ be free, Let my peo-ple go.

## Refrain



Go down, Mo - ses, way down in E - gypt's land,



Tell old Pha - raoh to let my peo-ple go.

## 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

### Children’s Time

### “Elijah in the Wilderness”

### 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 for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of staves. The first system (measures 1-4) has lyrics: 'Glo-ry to the Cre-a-tor, the Christ the Ho-ly Spi-rit'. The second system (measures 5-8) has lyrics: 'three in one; as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er'. The third system (measures 9-12) has lyrics: 'shall be, world with-out end. A-men. A-men.' The score includes various chords (C, G/D, G, C, G/B, Am/C, D7, G7, G/F, C/E, C/G) and musical notation such as rests, beams, and a final double bar line with a repeat sign.

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.

## **Galatians 3:23–29**      The Message

Until the time when we were mature enough to respond freely in faith to the living God, we were carefully surrounded and protected by the Mosaic law. The law was like those Greek tutors, with which you are familiar, who escort children to school and protect them from danger or distraction, making sure the children will really get to the place they set out for.

But now you have arrived at your destination: By faith in Christ you are in direct relationship with God. Your baptism in Christ was not just washing you up for a fresh start. It also involved dressing you in an adult faith wardrobe—Christ’s life, the fulfillment of God’s original promise.

In Christ’s family there can be no division into Jew and non-Jew, slave and free, male and female. Among us you are all equal. That is, we are all in a common relationship with Jesus Christ. Also, since you are Christ’s family, then you are Abraham’s famous “descendant,” heirs according to the covenant promises.

## **Gospel: Luke 8:26–39**

**Pastor Sylvia**

Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me”— for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” He said, “Legion”; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed.

Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

**SERMON**

**"What About those Pigs?"**

*Rev. Dr. Sylvia Lee Mann*

## **Responsive Prayer of Yearning** *(1 Kings, Psalm 42, Galatians 3, Luke 8)*

ONE: God of all, enlarge our hearts,

**MANY: that we may recognize each person as part of your beloved family.**

ONE: Help us to embrace our siblings in Christ,

**MANY: even when they are different than us.**

ONE: Tear down the walls of prejudice and racism that divide us.

**MANY: Grant us the vision to look at the stranger and see your face.**

ONE: Be present with us.

**MANY: Remind us that the things that divide us— gender, race, economic and social status, religion, and education— are not important in your eyes.**

ONE: Cure us from hatred and discrimination.

**MANY: Cast out all that keeps us from you and from one another.**

**For we are all one in Christ Jesus. Amen.**

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

**Silent Prayer** – *bring your personal prayers to God*

### **Words of Assurance (Pastor)**

Each day, God's love is steadfast. Each night, God's peace abides with us. We are all part of one family in Christ Jesus. *(Psalm 42, Galatians 3)*

### **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)

**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 (*Psalm 42, Luke 8*)

Healer of life’s ills, bring healing and strength  
through the gifts we bring before you now.  
Bring hope, faith, and love,  
that our church may be an instrument of healing  
and a vessel of hope for a hurting world. Amen.

**\*Singing into Mission      *Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me Around***

Ain't gonna let nobody turn me around  
Turn me around, turn me around  
Ain't gonna let nobody turn me around  
I'm gonna keep on a-walkin', keep on a-talkin'  
Marchin' up to freedom land

Ain't gonna let racism turn me around  
Turn me around, turn me around  
Ain't gonna let racism turn me around  
I'm gonna keep on a-walkin', keep on a-talkin'  
Marchin' up to freedom's land

Ain't gonna let no hatred turn me around  
Turn me around, turn me around  
Ain't gonna let no hatred turn me around  
I'm gonna keep on a-walkin', keep on a-talkin'  
Marchin' up to freedom's land

Ain't gonna let injustice turn me around  
Turn me around, turn me around  
Ain't gonna let injustice turn me around  
I'm gonna keep on a-walkin', keep on a-talkin'  
Marchin' up to freedom's land

Ain't gonna let nobody turn me around  
Turn me around, turn me around  
Ain't gonna let nobody turn me around  
I'm gonna keep on a-walkin', keep on a-talkin'  
Marchin' up to freedom's land

## 2. Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me 'Round

African-American Spiritual; arr. J. David Moore  
Minneapolis, MN | 2017

With resolve (♩ = 88)

E Am E7

Leader

1. Ain't gon-na let no-bod-y turn me 'round, turn me 'round,

SA

Turn me 'round, turn me 'round,

B

Am E7

turn me 'round. Ain't gon-na let no-bod-y turn me 'round, I'm gon-na keep on a-walk-in',

turn me 'round. Turn me 'round, keep on a-walk-in',

keep on, keep on a-

Am/E

On repeat Am Last time Am

keep on a-talk-in', march-ing up to free-dom land. 2. Ain't gon-na

keep on a-talk-in', march-ing up to free-dom land.

walk-in', keep on a-march-ing up to free-dom land.

2. Ain't gonna let racism; 3. Ain't gonna let no hatred;  
4. Ain't gonna let injustice; 5. Ain't gonna let nobody.

## Benediction (Blessing) - Unison

May peace be with you as you confront lies with truth and fear with hope. May the Abiding One strengthen you to stand in truth and hope. May the Living Water refresh you with new streams of righteousness. May Wisdom be the voice you follow now as you go out into the world, encouraged and emboldened, and renewed.

**Amen.**

**Go in Peace**

**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.*