

# Worship Bulletin - Bethel Congregational Church UCC

October 27, 2024 – 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost



## ***“Vision”***

### ***Centering Words (Psalm 34)***

*Taste and see that the Lord is good. God’s steadfast love endures forever.*



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**Sunday – October 27, 2024**

Prelude

Music for Meditation

Musicians

## **Responsive Call to Worship**

L: In the midst of darkness, there is light.

**P: In the midst of blindness, we will be given sight.**

L: Our Savior, Jesus Christ, brings healing love to us.

**P: Let the light of Jesus' love, breakthrough our blindness and fill our world with glory.**

L: Tear away the bonds that trap us in darkness, Lord.

**P: Wipe away all our fears so that we may boldly proclaim your Love.**

L: Give us courage to stand for truth and justice.

**P: Give us wisdom to reach out in compassion to others.**

L: Transform our lives.

**P: Reform our souls.**

L: Bring us to a new day in your kingdom, O Lord.

**P: Bring us to a new way of serving you with great joy, O Lord.**

## **Unison Opening Prayer**

Open our eyes, Lord.

Help us to see Jesus as he reaches out to heal our blindness.

Help us to let go of all those things that keep us in darkness.

This day, as your word is proclaimed, let our hearts and souls respond with joy.

Transform our lives to do your will.

Grant us the vision to be a part of your work that will bring ever more joy and justice to the world.

Continue to gather us, the diverse lot of us, into Jesus' vision and dream that your faithful people may be one in you.

In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

**\*Gathering Hymn**

**Open My Eyes, That I May See**

Open my eyes, that I may see  
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;  
place in my hands the wonderful key  
that shall unclasp and set me free.  
Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear  
voices of truth thou sendest clear;  
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear,  
everything false will disappear.  
Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear  
gladly the warm truth everywhere;  
open my heart and let me prepare  
love with thy children thus to share.  
Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

## Open My Eyes, That I May See

1. O - pen my eyes, that I may see glimps-es of truth thou  
 2. O - pen my ears, that I may hear voic-es of truth thou  
 3. O - pen my mouth, and let me bear glad-ly the warm truth

hast for me; place in my hands the won - der - ful key  
 send - est clear; and while the wave - notes fall on my ear,  
 ev - ery-where; o - pen my heart and let me pre-pare

*Refrain*

that shall un-clasp and set me free.  
 ev - ery-thing false will dis - ap-pear. Si-lent - ly now I  
 love with thy chil - dren thus to share.

wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy will to see.

O - pen my eyes,  
 O - pen my ears, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!  
 O - pen my heart,

## Passing the Peace

### Announcements/Regular and Special Events:

- **Sundays** – Worship! (Bethel 10am Sanctuary/Parlor; FCCO 11:30am upstairs)
- **Tuesdays** – SSO Chorus Rehearsals 7:30 – 9pm
- **Wednesdays** – OYS 4-7pm; NA meeting 7:30-9 pm (parlor). Cub Scouts 6pm (basement)
- **Thursdays at 10am** - Qi-Gong is back!. Resumes Thursday Oct 31.
- **Fridays** – evenings SWE Rehearsals (sanctuary/parlor)
- **Saturdays** – Mornings SSO Rehearsals / FCCO Korean Fellowship 10-2 (upstairs).
- **CONCERTS:** November 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 4pm – SWE; December 8@ 4pm – “MESSIAH” (SSO); Dec 11 possible OYS concert.
- **Special Offering – Neighbors in Need – Coming up November 3<sup>d</sup>**

### Children’s Time

### Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind

### Saddleback Kids

(used with permission)

### \*Gloria

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) using a simplified notation system where each staff represents a voice part. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The score is divided into three systems, each with a measure number (1, 5, 10) at the beginning of the first staff.

**System 1 (Measures 1-4):**

Chord symbols: 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 (Measures 5-8):**

Chord symbols: G/D, D<sup>7</sup>, G, C, G<sup>7</sup>, G<sup>7</sup>

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

**System 3 (Measures 10-13):**

Chord symbols: C, G, G/F, C/E, C/G, G<sup>7</sup>, C

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

## **Job 42:1–6, 10–17 (CEB)**

Job answered the Lord:

I know you can do anything; no plan of yours can be opposed successfully. You said, “Who is this darkening counsel without knowledge?” I have indeed spoken about things I didn’t understand, wonders beyond my comprehension. You said, “Listen and I will speak; I will question you and you will inform me.” My ears had heard about you, but now my eyes have seen you.

Therefore, I relent and find comfort on dust and ashes.

Then the Lord changed Job’s fortune when he prayed for his friends, and the Lord doubled all Job’s earlier possessions. All his brothers, sisters, and acquaintances came to him and ate food with him in his house. They comforted and consoled him concerning all the disaster the Lord had brought on him, and each one gave him a qesitah and a gold ring. Then the Lord blessed Job’s latter days more than his former ones. He had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, one thousand yoke of oxen, and one thousand female donkeys. He also had seven sons and three daughters. He named one Jemimah, a second Keziah, and the third Keren- happuch. No women in all the land were as beautiful as Job’s daughters; and their father gave an inheritance to them along with their brothers. After this, Job lived 140 years and saw four generations of his children. Then Job died, old and satisfied.

## **Psalm 34:1–8; 19–22 (NRSVUE)**

I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.

O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.

I sought the LORD, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.

Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed.

This poor soul cried, and was heard by the LORD, and was saved from every trouble.

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

O taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD rescues them from them all.

He keeps all their bones; not one of them will be broken. Evil brings death to the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned. The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

## **Mark 10:46-52 (NRSVUE)**

**Pastor Sylvia**

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” 49 Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.” So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man said to him, “My teacher, let me see again.” Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

**SERMON**

**Vision**

*Rev. Dr. Sylvia Lee Mann*

## **Prayer for Transformation and New Life (Unison)**

Liberating God, create us anew this day.

Break us free from all the ways this world enslaves and ensnares your people. When we pose as greater and mightier than we are, help us be humble and of service in your name.

May our hearts be infused with your compassion. May our works be filled with your generosity. May our lives be testaments that new life in freedom, in love, and in you are possible.

Transform us by your Spirit each day to be the part of you the world needs from us. Reclaim us as the people you have created us to be, and lead us back to the path of discipleship you have called us to walk. We trust in your mercy and grace to make room and empower us to make it so. Amen.

## **Words of Grace (Pastor)**

May we turn and see the light of God's love. It is lavished upon us. We are healed and made whole in God's love. Be at peace and rejoice!

## **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)

The invitation to give is a gift not a debt. We share our resources because we were created to be mutually dependent upon one another. When we give generously, we demonstrate our faith in God's generosity, provision, and abundance. Therefore, let us give with thanksgiving and love for God and our neighbor.

*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).

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## Unison Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving

Mighty God, as you restore sight to the blind  
and healing to the afflicted,  
use these offerings to provide refuge for the lost  
and mercy for those who suffer.

May our gifts find those who cry out in need  
and who seek you with receptive hearts. Amen.

With the Lord as my guide, I will walk thru the desert  
Rest by the water, run in the wind.  
With the Lord by my side I will stand on the mountain,  
Drink from the fountain of love deep within.

With the Lord as my guide I will see all the talents,  
Accept the balance of who I am.  
With the Lord by my side, say yes to calling,  
Fear not the falling, trust in God's plan.

With the Lord as my guide I will work with my sister,  
Care for my brither, bend with their pain.  
With the Lord by our side we will rise up to gether,  
Strengthen each other, courage regain.

With the Lord as my guide I will rise in the morning,  
Praise for the dawning beauty of day.  
With the Lord by my side I will sing, sing forever,  
Always a lover, seeking God's way.

# WITH THE LORD AS MY GUIDE

words and music by  
JIM STRATHDEE

*Brightly*

Em D Bm C Am G D G Em

1. With the Lord as my guide I will walk thru the des - ert,  
2. With the Lord as my guide I will see all the tal - ents,  
3. With the Lord as my guide I will work with my sis - ter,  
4. With the Lord as my guide I will rise in my the morn - ing,

Am Bm Em C Am Am7 D C

rest by the wa - ter, run in the wind. With the  
ac - cept the bal - ance, of who the I am. With the  
care for my bro - ther, bend with their pain. With the  
praise for the dawn - ing beau - ty of day. With the

G Bm Am7 C G Bm Am7

Lord by my side I will stand on the moun - tain,  
Lord by my side, say yes to the call - ing,  
Lord by our side, we will rise up to geth - er,  
Lord by my side I will sing, sing for - ev - er,

Bm Bm7 Em Am Bm7 Em D Em

drink from the foun - tain of love deep with - in.  
fear not the fall - ing, trust in God's plan.  
strength - en each oth - er, cour - age re - gain.  
al - ways a lov - er, seek - ing God's way.

## Benediction - Unison

Darkness has been banished. Sight has been restored.  
Our lives are reformed in Christ's love.  
Go now in peace to serve with great joy.  
Bring the love of God with you so that the light  
which has brightened your life  
may shine for others.  
We Go now, to serve in God's love. 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.*