

Worship Bulletin - Bethel Congregational Church UCC

July 28, 2024

10th Sunday after Pentecost



“Abundance”

Centering Words (Ephesians 3)

God, let the Word you have for us today fall upon our hearts and open us to your presence.



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Prelude

Music for Meditation

Musicians

Responsive Call to Worship

L: Come, rest your spirits in the Lord.

P: We come, hungering and thirsting for God's word.

L: This is a place of peace and hope, where all may be fed and healed.

P: Bring us to the time of healing.

L: Come, place your trust in God who is always near you.

P: Open our hearts, Lord, to hear your word and feel your presence AMEN.

Unison Prayer of Invocation

**God of our hopes and dreams,
we are empty, and long to be filled;
we are hungry, and long to be fed;
we are lost, and long to be found.
Gather us into your love,
and pick up the pieces of our lives,
just as Jesus gathered up the fragments
of the five loaves and two fish
that remained after feeding the five thousand.
Call us anew to eat our fill
and to find our true nourishment in Jesus,
the bread of heaven. Amen.**

Gathering Hymn Spirit Song

Oh let the Son of God enfold you
With His Spirit and His love
Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul
Oh let Him have those things that hold you
And His Spirit like a dove
Will descend upon your life and make you whole
Jesus oh Jesus
Come and fill Your lambs
Jesus oh Jesus
Come and fill Your lambs

Oh come and sing this song with gladness
As your hearts are filled with joy
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name
Oh give Him all your tears and sadness
Give Him all your years of pain
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name
Jesus oh Jesus
Come and fill Your lambs
Jesus oh Jesus
Come and fill Your lambs

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John Wimber

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Spirit Song

Words and Music by
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VERSE

$\text{♩} = 90$ C G/D C/E F G7 Em7 Am

1. Oh, let the Son of God en-fold you with His Spir-it and His love; Let Him
2. Oh, come and sing this song with glad-ness as your hearts are filled with joy; Lift your

5 Dm7 G F/G G C G/D C/E F

fill your heart and sat-is-fy your soul. Oh, let Him have those things that
hands in sweet sur-ren-der to His name. Oh, give Him all your tears and

10 G7 Em7 Am Dm7 G F/G G7

hold you, and His Spir-it, like a dove, will de-scend up-on your life and make you
sad-ness, give Him all your years of pain, and you'll en-ter in-to life in Je-sus'

CHORUS

15 C F G7/F Em7 Am7 Dm7

whole. Je-sus, oh Je-sus, come and name.

22 G C F G7/F Em7 Am7

fill Your lambs. Je-sus, oh Je-sus,

29 Dm7 G G7 F/G C

come and fill Your lambs.

Passing the Peace

Announcements/Special Events:

- *Thursdays at 10am - Qi-Gong.*
- *Sept 7 (all day) – Relay for Life (Ontario Soccer Complex)!*

Special Music

Children's Time

*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 includes a treble clef staff with a vocal line and a bass clef staff with a guitar accompaniment. Chords are indicated above the treble staff.

System 1 (Measures 1-4):
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 (Measures 5-8):
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 (Measures 9-12):
Chords: C, G, G/F, C/E, C/G, G⁷, C
Lyrics: shall be, world with - out end. A - men. A - men.

2 Kings 4:42-44

A man came from Baal-shalishah bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat."

But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD: They shall eat and have some left."

He set it before them; they ate and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

Ephesians 3:14-21

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place, so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Creator God,

we confess that we fail to recognize the bounty around us.

We are not satisfied; we never have enough.

We consider what we have received and what we have generated,
and label is too little rather than sufficient.

We need to cultivate our imagination and our faith to observe abundance
and opportunity rather than scarcity and deficiency.

Help us to comprehend that, in your kingdom,
the fragments you gather are more than enough for flourishing.

AMEN

Words of Grace (Pastor)

Beloved, you are enough.

God's grace, strength, love, and hope meet you with sufficiency.

Through the Holy One's sustaining power, we can gather the fragments that
make our lives beautiful and God's kingdom real in the world.

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) 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

Merciful Lord, there is nowhere we can go—

in the heavens above,

or the earth and ocean below—

to escape your loving care.

Receive today the offering we make

and bless our gifts,

that they may be a blessing.

May this offering reflect our sincerest hope

that all may be filled with your fullness.

In the name of the one who calls us, we pray. Amen.

1 Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy;
bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.
*Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!*

2 Christ is able to make us one,
at his table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express.
*Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!*

3 Jesus calls us in, sends us out
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God (Immanuel) everywhere!
*Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!*

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Luke 10:1-9

Fred Kaan, 1975; alt.



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at his ta - ble he set the tone,
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
 teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
 gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - ery - where!



Refrain (first time p, second time f)



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!



Benediction- Responsive

ONE: May you, according to the riches of God's glory, the presence of Christ, and by power of the Spirit, be strengthened in your inner being, be rooted and grounded in love, and be filled with the fullness of God.

MANY: To the Holy One who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever.

Go in Peace, Go in Joy, Go in 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.*