

# Worship Bulletin - Bethel Congregational Church UCC

June 28, 2026 – Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

“Imagine Hospitality”



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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 28, 2026

**Prelude**

Music for Gathering

Sandy Gunn

**Call to Worship**

Leader: Come, let us gather in the name of the Lord.

**People: For whoever welcomes one another, welcomes Christ.**

Leader: Whether we offer the wisdom of the prophets or simply a cup of cold water,

**People: God sees the love in our smallest acts of service.**

Leader: Whoever welcomes the stranger, welcomes the One who sent us.

**People: Let us worship God in Spirit and in truth, opening our doors and our hearts to all!**

**Unison Opening Prayer**

Loving God, Creator of all people, we gather today with grateful hearts.

Thank you for welcoming us into your house just as we are.

Open our hearts this morning to hear your voice and feel your presence.

Teach us the beauty of radical hospitality.

Help us see Christ in the faces of our neighbors, our friends, and the strangers we meet.

Forgive us for the times we have closed our doors or held back our kindness.

Break down our walls and expand our circles of love.

Fill us with your Holy Spirit so that even our smallest acts—like offering a cup of cold water—may overflow with your grace.

We dedicate this time of worship to you. In Jesus' name, Amen.

**\*Gathering Hymn**

*Jesu, Jesu*

*Refrain:*

*Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,  
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.*

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends,  
silently washes their feet,  
Jesu, you acted as servant to them.  
*Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,  
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you*

2 Neighbors are rich and poor,  
varied in color and race,  
neighbors are near and far away.  
*Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,  
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you*

3 These are the ones we should serve,  
these are the ones we should love;  
all these are neighbors to us and you.  
*Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,  
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you*

4 Loving puts us on our knees,  
showing our faith by our deeds,  
serving the neighbors we have from you.  
*Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,  
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you*

5 Kneel at the feet of our friends,  
silently washing their feet,  
this is the way we should live with you.  
*Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,  
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you*

# Jesu Jesu

Words and Music by  
Tom Colvin

## CHORUS

C/E C C/E C G<sup>7</sup>/D G<sup>7</sup>

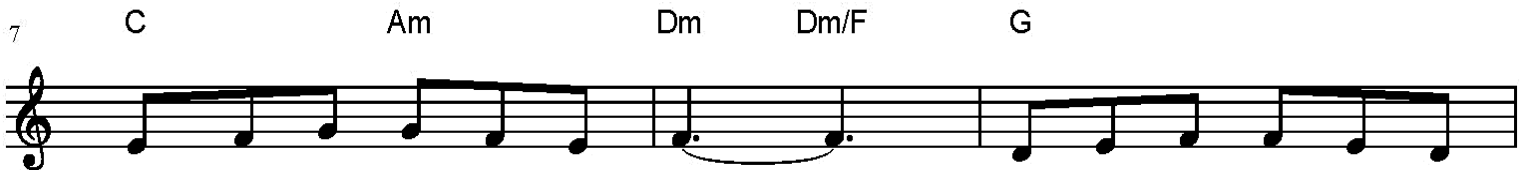


Je - su, \_\_\_\_\_ Je - su, \_\_\_\_\_ fill us with Your love, show



us how to serve the neigh - bors we have from You.

## VERSE



1. Kneels at the feet of His friends, \_\_\_\_\_ si - lent - ly wash - ing their  
 2. Neigh - bors are rich \_\_\_\_\_ and poor, \_\_\_\_\_ var - ied in col - or and  
 3. These are the ones we should serve, \_\_\_\_\_ these are the ones we should  
 4. Lov - ing puts us on our knees, \_\_\_\_\_ show - ing our faith by our  
 5. Kneel at the feet of our friends, \_\_\_\_\_ si - lent - ly wash - ing their



feet, \_\_\_\_\_ Je - su you act - ed as ser - vent to them. \_\_\_\_\_  
 hue \_\_\_\_\_ Neigh - bors are near \_\_\_\_\_ and far \_\_\_\_\_ a - way. \_\_\_\_\_  
 love, \_\_\_\_\_ all these are neigh - bors to us \_\_\_\_\_ and You. \_\_\_\_\_  
 deeds \_\_\_\_\_ serv - ing the neigh - bors we have \_\_\_\_\_ from You. \_\_\_\_\_  
 feet, \_\_\_\_\_ this is the way we should live \_\_\_\_\_ with You. \_\_\_\_\_

## Welcome, Passing the Peace – Announcements

- Sundays – Worship! (Bethel 10am Sanctuary/Parlor; FCCO 11:30am)
- Sundays 9:15am – Pop-Up Choir practice!
- Wednesdays – 4:30pm – OYS; 6pm Scouts(basement)
- Thursdays 10am - Qi-Gong/Tai Chi

Special Music  
Children's Time  
\* Gloria

The Gift of Love

Pop-Up Choir  
Kids' Video

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 in 4/4 time and consists of three systems of music. Each system includes a treble and bass staff with lyrics underneath. Chord symbols are placed above the treble staff.

**System 1:** Treble staff: C, G/D, C, G/B, G, C, G/B, Am/C. Bass staff: 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:** Treble staff: G/D, D<sup>7</sup>, G, C, G<sup>7</sup>, G<sup>7</sup>. Bass staff: 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:** Treble staff: C, G, G/F, C/E, C/G, G<sup>7</sup>, C. Bass staff: C, G, G/F, C/E, C/G, G<sup>7</sup>, C. Lyrics: shall be, world with - out end. A - men. A - men.

## **Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18**

I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

I declare that your steadfast love is established forever; your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to my servant David:

'I will establish your descendants forever and build your throne for all generations.'" Selah

Happy are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O LORD, in the light of your countenance;

they exult in your name all day long and extol your righteousness.

For you are the glory of their strength; by your favor our horn is exalted.

For our shield belongs to the LORD, our king to the Holy One of Israel.

## **Gospel Reading Matthew 10: 40-42**

**Dr. Mann**

"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.

Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple -- truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

**Sermon**

**"Imagine Hospitality"**

**Dr. Sylvia Lee Mann**

## **Prayer for Transformation**

God of unexpected encounters, we yearn to be people of your radical hospitality, yet we confess the ways we close ourselves off. We want to welcome the stranger, but fear often makes us build walls instead of bridges. We want to be generous, but we hold tight to our comfort, our time, and our resources. Forgive us for the times we pass by those who thirst for kindness, dignity, or a simple cup of water. Transform our hesitant hearts. Soften our defenses and heal our indifference. Give us the courage to open our doors wide and the humility to be welcomed by others. Reshape our lives so that your love flows through us naturally, changing how we see, serve, and love our neighbors. Amen.

## ***Words of Assurance***

**Leader:** Our God is a God of endless hospitality, whose grace has no boundaries.

Hear the good news:

God does not wait for us to be perfect before welcoming us to the table. In Christ, you are forgiven, accepted, and loved completely.

Receive this grace, and let it free you to love others without fear.

Through the Holy Spirit, we are being transformed into the image of Christ day by day. Thanks be to God! Amen.

## **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

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### Unison Prayer of Dedication & Thanksgiving

Generous God, you have welcomed us into your family and showered us with every good gift. We bring our offerings today—our money, our time, and our unique talents. We know that no gift is too small when given in love. Use these resources to extend your radical hospitality to our local community and the world. May these funds provide shelter for the weary, food for the hungry, and a metaphorical cup of cold water for those who thirst for hope. Multiply our gifts, open our hearts, and use us as instruments of your grace. In the name of Jesus, who gave everything for us, Amen.

## **Singing into Mission**

## *They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love*

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.

*[Refrain]: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love*

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,  
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,  
And together we'll spread the news that God is in the land.

*Refrain...*

We will work with each other, we will work side by side,  
We will work with each other, we will work side by side,  
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride.

*Refrain...*

All Praise to our Creator from whom all things come,  
And all praise to Christ Jesus God's only Son,  
and all praise to the Spirit who makes us all one:

*Refrain...*

# They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

Words and Music by  
Peter Scholtes

♩ = 56

**VERSE**

Em D/E Em D/E Em D/E Em D/E



1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the  
 2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in  
 3. We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by  
 4. All \_\_\_ praise to the Cre- a - tor, from \_\_\_ whom all things

4 Em Am D<sup>7</sup>/A Em D/E Em



Lord; We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord. And we  
 hand; We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand. And to -  
 side; We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side. And we'll  
 come; And all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's \_\_\_ on - ly \_\_\_ Son. And all

9 Am D<sup>7</sup>/A Em D/E Em



pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored. And they'll  
 - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land.  
 guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save \_\_\_ each one's pride.  
 praise to the Spir - it, who \_\_\_ makes - us \_\_\_ one.

**CHORUS**

13 C Em Am



know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our love, yes they'll

17 Em Am D<sup>7</sup>/A Em



know \_\_\_ we are Chris - tians by our love. \_\_\_\_\_

## Unison Benediction

Let us now go forth into the world with open hearts and ready hands.  
Remember that Christ walks before you, waiting to be met in the stranger.  
Go and offer the warmth of welcome, the comfort of kindness,  
and the gift of a cup of cold water to all who thirst.  
And may the blessings of God: Creator, Redeemer and Holy Spirit who welcome  
you, connect and sustain you—be with you now and remain with you always.  
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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