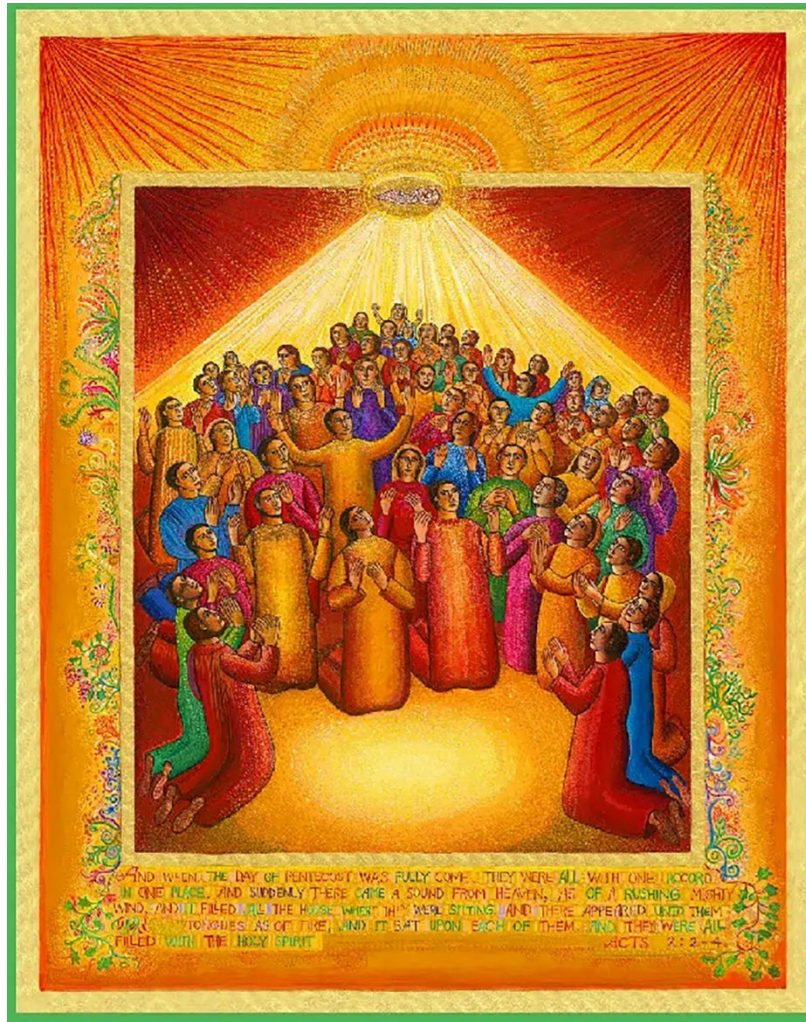


Worship Bulletin - Bethel Congregational Church UCC

September 29, 2024 - 19th Sunday after Pentecost



“Choices, Community, Salt, and Fire”

Centering Words

(James 5, Mark 9)

Salt the world with peace and flavor the world with love.



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Sunday – September 29, 2024

Prelude

Music for Meditation

Musicians

Responsive Call to Worship

One: We are gathered today as a community of peace and love. Is anyone here today suffering?

All: We will pray with you.

One: Is anyone here today rejoicing?

All: We will rejoice with you.

One: Is anyone here today longing for healing?

All: We will anoint you with oil. One: You are welcome to this house of peace and love. We come as we are, joyful and hurting. We come to you, Healer, Life-giver.

Unison Prayer of Invocation

Faithful God, inspire us to be faithful to one another.

Open our hearts to meet the needs in our midst
and in the wider world.

Open our minds to notice the beauty and gift
of your creation.

Open our mouths to sing your blessings,
joyfully and gratefully.

Open our lives to welcome the stranger, seek the lost,
and create peace in a troubled world. Amen.

1 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!

that calls me from a world of care,
and bids me at my Maker's throne
let all my needs and wants be known.

In seasons of distress and grief,
my soul has often found relief,
and oft escaped the tempter's snare
by your return, sweet hour of prayer!

2 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!

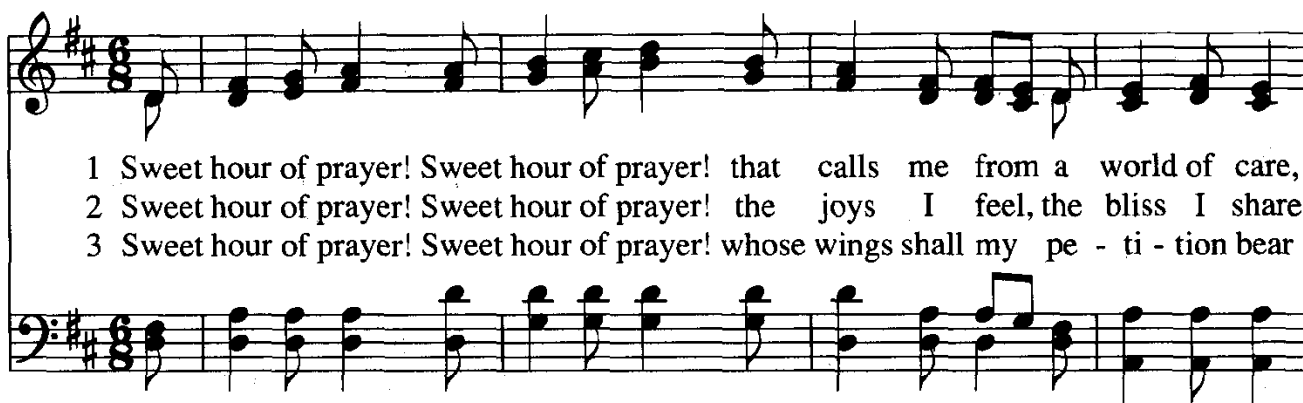
the joys I feel, the bliss I share
of those whose anxious spirits burn
with strong desires for your return!

With them I hasten to the place
where I would know my Savior's face,
And gladly take my station there,
and wait for you, sweet hour of prayer!

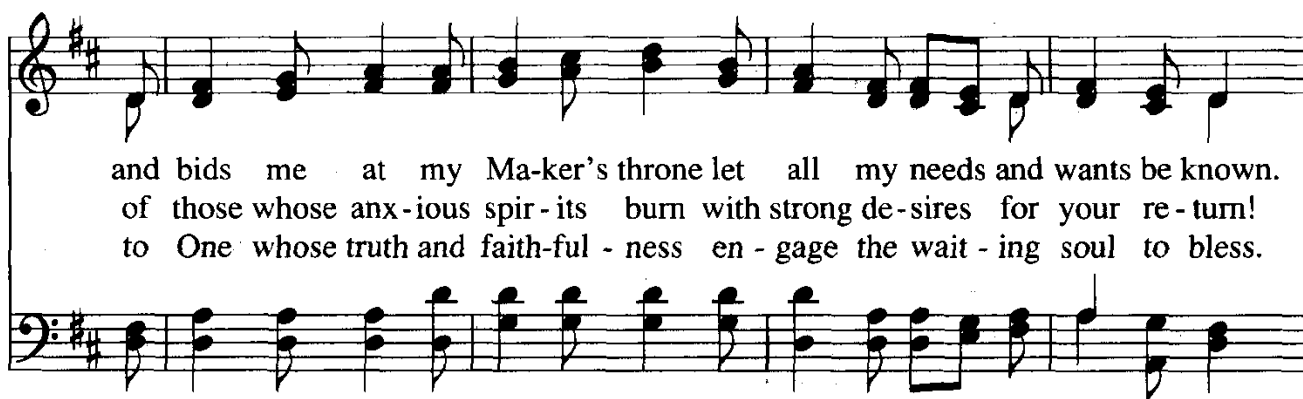
3 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!

whose wings shall my petition bear
to One whose truth and faithfulness
engage the waiting soul to bless.

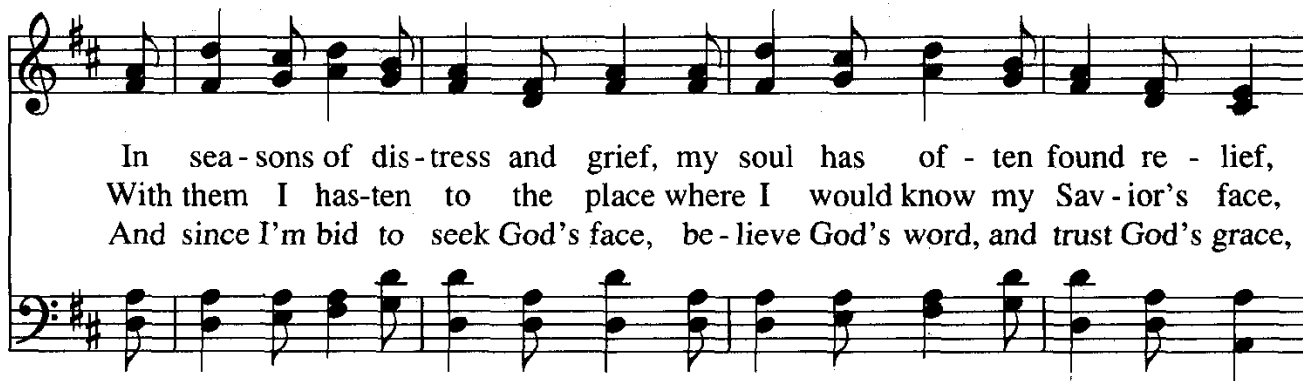
And since I'm bid to seek God's face,
believe God's word, and trust God's grace,
I'll cast away my every care,
and wait for you, sweet hour of prayer!

William Walford, 1845; alt.


1 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! that calls me from a world of care,
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 3 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! whose wings shall my pe - ti - tion bear



and bids me at my Ma-ker's throne let all my needs and wants be known.
 of those whose anx-ious spir-its burn with strong de-sires for your re - turn!
 to One whose truth and faith-ful - ness en - gage the wait - ing soul to bless.



In sea - sons of dis - tress and grief, my soul has of - ten found re - lief,
 With them I has - ten to the place where I would know my Sav - ior's face,
 And since I'm bid to seek God's face, be - lieve God's word, and trust God's grace,



and oft es - caped the tempt - er's snare by your re - turn, sweet hour of prayer!
 And glad - ly take my sta - tion there, and wait for you, sweet hour of prayer!
 I'll cast a - way my ev - ery care, and wait for you, sweet hour of prayer!

Although credited to a different poet when first published in 1845, researchers believe this hymn was written by William Walford. William Bradbury, a highly trained musician, sang under Lowell Mason in Boston and also wrote "Jesus Loves Me."

Tune: SWEET HOUR L.M.D.
 William B. Bradbury, 1861

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 (Parlor/Sanctuary)
- **Wednesdays** – OYS 4-7pm; NA meeting 7:30-9 pm (parlor). Cub Scouts 6pm (basement)
- **Thursdays at 10am** - Qi-Gong will be on break. Resumes Thursday Oct 31.
- **Fridays** – evenings SWE Rehearsals (sanctuary/parlor)
- **Saturdays** – Mornings SSO Rehearsals / FCCO Korean Fellowship 10-2 (upstairs).
- **October 19 (all day)** – Relay for Life
- **CONCERTS:** OCT 6 4pm (SSO); Oct 12 eve Candlelight Concerts;
Oct 19 4pm SJO; Oct 26 4pm – SWE; (and more in Nov/Dec/Jan, etc!)

Children's Time

*Gloria

The musical score for 'Gloria' is written in 4/4 time and consists of three systems of music. Each system has a treble staff and a bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. Chord markings are placed above the treble staff. The score begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first system contains measures 1 through 4. The second system contains measures 5 through 8. The third system contains measures 9 through 12. The score ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

Chord markings: C, G/D, C, G/B, G, C, G/B, Am/C, G/D, D⁷, G, C, G⁷, G⁷, C, G, G/F, C/E, C/G, G⁷, C.

Lyrics: 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.

James 5:13-20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up, and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Mark 9:38-50

Pastor Sylvia

John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him, for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

"If any of you cause one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies and the fire is never quenched.

"For everyone will be salted with fire., Salt is good, but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

SERMON Choices, Community, Salt, and Fire *Rev. Dr. Sylvia Lee Mann*

Prayer of Yearning (Unison) (*James 5, Mark 9, Esther 7*)

O God, you are our help and our hope.
In times of trial,
keep us from falling into temptation.
In times of need,
help us reach out for aid and lean on prayer.
Show us that others need our help, our hope,
and our prayers.
Strengthen our resolve to offer those gifts
where they are most needed.
When we become lost,
welcome us home with mercy and grace,
that we may do the same for others.
In hope and gratitude, we pray. Amen.

Words of Grace (Pastor) (*Psalms 124, James 5*)

The Lord is for us, our help and our hope.
In God's mercy and grace,
we are welcomed with love
and forgiven with compassion.
Thanks be to God for helping us along the way.

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).*

Give online at www.betheluccontario.org,



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Unison Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving (Mark 9, James 5)

As you have blessed us, gracious God,
bless the gifts we return to you now.
May our tithes and offerings
bless your world with love
and salt your world with peace. Amen.

***Singing into Mission**

Song of Hope

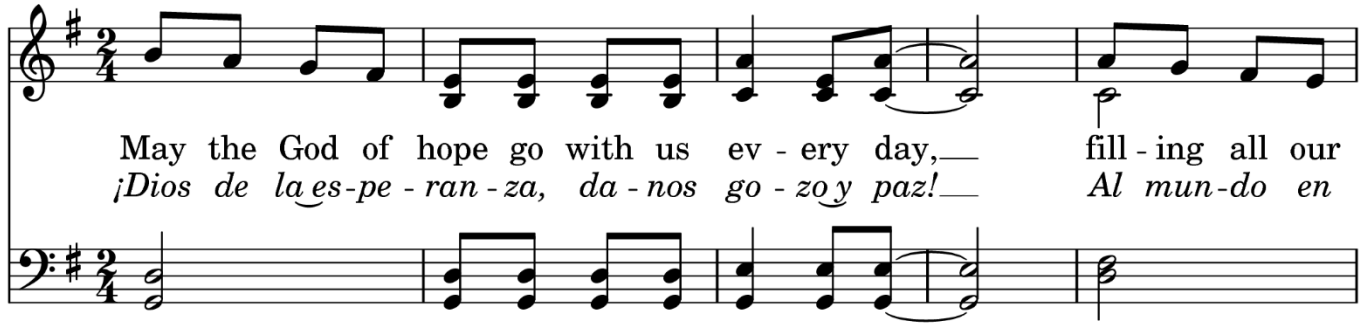
May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Refrain:

Praying, let us work for peace;
singing, share our joy with all;
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.

Song of Hope

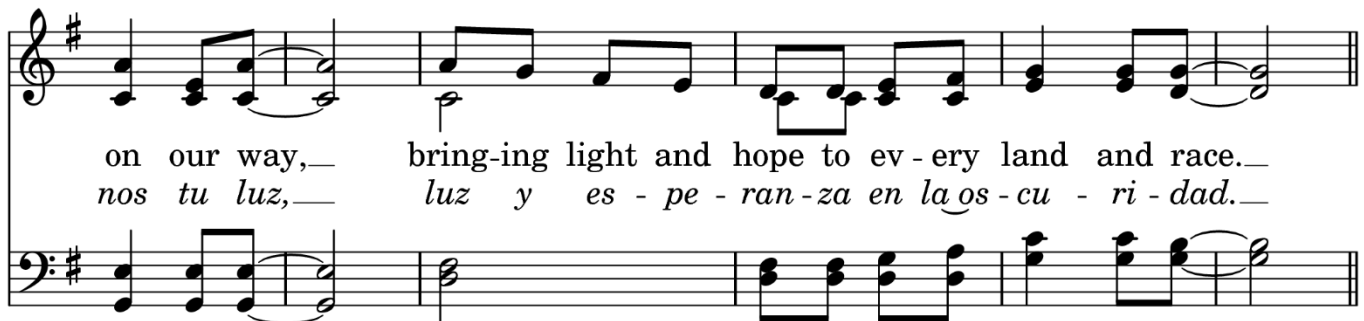
(Canto de Esperanza)



May the God of hope go with us ev - ery day, — fill - ing all our
¡Dios de la es-pe - ran - za, da - nos go - zo y paz! — Al mun-do en



lives with love and joy and peace. — May the God of jus-tice speed us
cri - sis, ha - bla tu ver-dad. — Dios de la jus - ti - cia, mán - da -



on our way, — bring-ing light and hope to ev - ery land and race. —
nos tu luz, — luz y es - pe - ran - za en la os - cu - ri - dad. —

Refrain



Praying, let us work for peace; — sing-ing, share our joy with all; —
O - re - mos por la paz, — can - te - mos de tu a-mor. —



working for a world that's new, — faithful when we hear Christ's call. —
Lu - che - mos por la paz, — fie - les a ti, Se - ñor. —

Benediction- RESPONSIVE

ONE: Our help is in the name of God,

MANY: maker of heaven and earth.

ONE: Our help leads us forth

MANY: to bring peace and love to the earth.

ONE: Our help goes with us

MANY: to protect us and to guide our way.

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.