

# Worship Bulletin - Bethel Congregational Church UCC

May 4, 2025 – Third Sunday of Easter

## Cast the Net- Feed My Sheep



### Centering Words (Luke 24)

*In the midst of confusion and doubt, Love walks beside us.*



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## Sunday – May 4, 2025 – Communion Sunday

### Prelude

*When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear...Jesus came and stood among them.*

### Responsive Call to Worship (Psalm 150)

One: Come walk with us.

**Many: We will join the journey.**

One: Let us talk together.

**Many: We will listen and speak.**

One: Christ goes with us.

**Many: Jesus guides our steps.**

### Unison Opening Prayer (1 Peter 1, Luke 24)

Holy One, we are often confused  
by the events in our world.

Come and walk with us.

Open our hearts to hear your truth.

Plant the seed of new life within us.

In trust of your loving presence, we pray. 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. [Refrain]

2 Neighbors are rich and poor,  
varied in color and race,  
neighbors are near and far away. [Refrain]

3 These are the ones we should serve,  
these are the ones we should love;  
all these are neighbors to us and you. [Refrain]

4 Loving puts us on our knees,  
showing our faith by our deeds,  
serving the neighbors we have from you. [Refrain]

5 Kneel at the feet of our friends,  
silently washing their feet,  
this is the way we should live with you. [Refrain]

# Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

John 13:1-20; Gal. 5:13-14

Tom Colvin, 1969; rev. 1994

*Refrain*  
*Unison*

F C7

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show

F Gm/Bb C7 F *Last time, end*

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

F Dm7 Gm C C7/E

1 Knelt 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

F Dm Dm7/C Gm/Bb C7 F *to Refrain*

feet, Je - su, you act - ed as ser - vant to them.  
 race, 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.

# 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)*
- **Tuesdays** – *meetings as called/needed*
- **Wednesdays** – *Cub Scouts 6pm (basement). 7pm- Bible Study (begins May 7)*
- **Thursdays at 10am** - *Qi-Gong*
- **Fridays** – *evenings SWE Rehearsals (sanctuary/parlor)*
- **Saturdays** – *Mornings SSO Rehearsals / FCCO Korean Fellowship 10-2*
- **CONCERTS: Sun May 18 4pm – Southland Symphony Season Finale!**

Children's Time

Paul's Ministry

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 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 piano accompaniment. Chord symbols are placed above the treble staff. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

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, 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 9-12):  
Chords: C, G, G/F, C/E, C/G, G<sup>7</sup>, C  
Lyrics: shall be, world with - out end. A - men. A - men.

## **Gospel: John 21:1-19**

**Pastor Sylvia**

Later, Jesus himself appeared again to his disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. This is how it happened: Simon Peter, Thomas (called Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, Zebedee's sons, and two other disciples were together. Simon Peter told them, "I'm going fishing."

They said, "We'll go with you." They set out in a boat, but throughout the night they caught nothing. Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples didn't realize it was Jesus.

Jesus called to them, "Children, have you caught anything to eat?"

They answered him, "No."

He said, "Cast your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some."

So they did, and there were so many fish that they couldn't haul in the net. Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It's the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard it was the Lord, he wrapped his coat around himself (for he was naked) and jumped into the water. The other disciples followed in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they weren't far from shore, only about one hundred yards.

When they landed, they saw a fire there, with fish on it, and some bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you've just caught." Simon Peter got up and pulled the net to shore. It was full of large fish, one hundred fifty-three of them. Yet the net hadn't torn, even with so many fish. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples could bring themselves to ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came, took the bread, and gave it to them. He did the same with the fish. This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they finished eating, Jesus asked Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?"

Simon replied, "Yes, Lord, you know I love you."

Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." Jesus asked a second time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

Simon replied, "Yes, Lord, you know I love you."

Jesus said to him, "Take care of my sheep." He asked a third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

Peter was sad that Jesus asked him a third time, "Do you love me?" He replied, "Lord, you know everything; you know I love you."

Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. I assure you that when you were younger you tied your own belt and walked around wherever you wanted. When you grow old, you will stretch out your hands and another will tie your belt and lead you where you don't want to go." He said this to show the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. After saying this, Jesus said to Peter, "Follow me."

**SERMON**            ***"Cast the Net- Feed My Sheep "***    *Rev. Dr. Sylvia Lee Mann*

## **Prayer of Yearning**

O my God, teach my heart where and how to seek you, and where and how to find you. Though I have never seen you, you are my God and Master of my life. You have made me and remade me, and you have bestowed on me all the good things I possess, but you are still the unknown, for I have not yet reached that for which I was fully made. Teach me to seek you, for I cannot seek unless you teach me or find you unless you reveal yourself to me. Let me seek you in my desiring, let me desire you in my seeking. Let me find you in my loving, and let me love you in my finding.

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

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

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

The God of mercy speaks every language.  
When we open our ears, we hear and receive God's grace.  
Whenever we are afraid or overwhelmed,  
we have only to remember these truths.  
God's love is the greatest power of all.  
God's mercy is there for every one of us.  
God's grace is present every moment of our lives. Amen.

## **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**

## **Holy Communion**

**Invitation**

**Prayer of Blessing and Consecration**

**Words of Remembrance**

**Sharing of the Elements** - All are invited to partake at God's table

**Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

We give thanks, loving God, that you have refreshed us at your table.  
Strengthen our faith; increase our love for one another. May this bread and drink nourish us as they are the symbol of Christ's essence in all of us.  
In Jesus name we pray. 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

Loving God, we remember that one of Christ’s most important commandments is loving one another. With these gifts, help us show this love in our words and actions, caring for the vulnerable and offering hope in times of despair. Amen.

**\*Singing into Mission**      The Summons      (Kelvingrove)

Will you come and follow Me If I but call your name  
Will you go where you don't know And never be the same  
Will you let My love be shown Will you let My name be known  
Will you let My life be grown In you and you in Me

Will you leave yourself behind If I but call your name  
Will you care for cruel and kind And never be the same  
Will you risk the hostile stare Should your life attract or scare  
Will you let Me answer prayer In you and you in Me

Will you let the blinded see If I but call your name  
Will you set the prisoners free And never be the same  
Will you kiss the leper clean And do such as this unseen  
And admit to what I mean In you and you in Me

Will you love the you you hide If I but call your name  
Will you quell the fear inside And never be the same  
Will you use the faith you've found To reshape the world around  
Through My sight and touch and sound In you and you in Me

Lord Your summons echoes true When You but call my name  
Let me turn and follow You And never be the same  
In Your company I'll go Where Your love and footsteps show  
Thus I'll move and live and grow In You and You in me

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Graham Maule | John L. Bell

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# The Summons

Words by  
John L. Bell and Graham Maule

Music  
Scottish melody, Kelvingrove

♩ = 140

VERSE

F C<sup>7</sup> Dm Gm<sup>7</sup>



1. Will you come and fol - low Me if I but call  
2. Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
3. Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call  
5. Lord, Your sum - mons ech - oes true when You but call

6 C<sup>SUS</sup> C F C<sup>7</sup> Dm



your name? \_\_\_\_\_ Will you go where you don't know and nev - er  
your name? \_\_\_\_\_ Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er  
your name? \_\_\_\_\_ Will you set the pris - 'ners free and nev - er  
your name? \_\_\_\_\_ Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er  
my name? \_\_\_\_\_ Let me turn and fol - low You and nev - er

13 Gm<sup>7</sup> B<sup>b</sup>/C F Gm<sup>7</sup> B<sup>b</sup>



be the same? \_\_\_\_\_ Will you let My love be shown, \_\_\_\_\_  
be the same? \_\_\_\_\_ Will you risk the hos - tile stare \_\_\_\_\_  
be the same? \_\_\_\_\_ Will you kiss the lep - er clean, \_\_\_\_\_  
be the same? \_\_\_\_\_ Will you use the faith you've found \_\_\_\_\_  
be the same? \_\_\_\_\_ In Your com - pa - ny I'll go \_\_\_\_\_

20 Am<sup>7</sup> B<sup>b</sup><sup>6</sup> C<sup>SUS</sup> C F



— will you let My name be known? \_\_\_\_\_ Will you let My  
— should your life at - tract or scare? \_\_\_\_\_ Will you let Me  
— and do such as this un - seen, \_\_\_\_\_ and ad - mit to  
— to re - shape the world a - round \_\_\_\_\_ through my sight and  
— where Your love and foot - steps show. \_\_\_\_\_ Thus I'll move and

26 C<sup>7</sup> Dm Gm<sup>7</sup> B<sup>b</sup>/C F



life be grown in you and you in Me? \_\_\_\_\_  
an - swer prayer in you and you in Me? \_\_\_\_\_  
what I mean in you and you in Me? \_\_\_\_\_  
touch and sound in you and you in Me? \_\_\_\_\_  
live and grow in You and You in me. \_\_\_\_\_

## Benediction (Blessing) - Unison

Now, may the grace of God go with us.

May God's face shine upon us.

May we love the world as God has loved us.

May we be peace. May we be love.

May God's mercy be present among us.

**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.*