

Worship Bulletin - Bethel Congregational Church UCC

October 4, 2026 – 19th Sunday after Pentecost

“World Communion Sunday - The Vineyard”



Centering Words (Psalm 19, Philippians 3)

We gather to learn about God. We gather to know Christ more deeply. We gather to remember and give thanks that we are a part of the community of faith—a community that reaches around the world.



**536 N Euclid Ave Ontario CA 91762
In Person & Live Streaming Sundays at 10am**

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.*

Bethel Congregational Church, UCC

Sunday – October 4, 2026

Prelude

Music for Gathering

Call to Worship

ONE: The heavens proclaim the glory of God!

MANY: We too proclaim what God has done in our lives.

ONE: Voices of praise shout to the ends of the earth.

MANY: May we join the chorus,

as we sing of God's great and abiding love!

Unison Opening Prayer (*Psalm 19, Matthew 21*)

Creating God, like the earth around us,

we gather to proclaim your glory.

We pray that you will revive our souls today.

We pray that you will help us become a little bit wiser.

We pray that our hearts will rejoice

at the sound of your name.

We pray that our eyes will be opened to your ways.

We pray that we might live in peace and harmony

with one another.

And we pray that today, and every day,

we will again choose to follow in the ways of Christ,

so that our lives may become an example

of your love and grace to the world.

In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary

Pure and holy, tried and true

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living

Sanctuary for you

(Sing Three Times)

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Sanctuary

Words and Music by
JOHN THOMPSON and RANDY SCRUGGS

♩ = 46

D/A Em/A D A

Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, — pure and

ho - ly, tried and true; — With thanks - giv - ing, I'll be a

liv - ing — sanc - tu - ar - y for — You.

optional F#m/A Em/A D Last time Repeat

optional F#m/A A7 D

Welcome, Passing the Peace – Announcements

- **Sundays** – Worship! (Bethel 10am Sanctuary/Parlor; FCCO 11:30am)
- **Sunday October 18** – Blessing of the Animals – Special Joint service with FCCO
- **Sundays 9:15am** – Pop-Up Choir practice!
- **Thursdays 10am** - Qi-Gong/Tai Chi
- **Sign up to join Bethel's Relay Team!**
- <https://secure.acsevents.org/goto/BethelOntario>
- **Sunday October 11 at 4pm** – **SOUTHLAND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**
SEASON OPENER: “An American Journey”. *Music includes Copland's “Lincoln Portrait” (Terry Weatherby, narrating); Boyer's “ELLIS ISLAND: The Dream of America” – a multimedia presentation, including our own Virginia Shannon as one of the characters portrayed in the work.; and a World Premiere new arrangement of “America the Beautiful” by Pastor Sylvia.*

The poster features a large American flag in the background. On the left, the Statue of Liberty is shown from the waist up, holding a torch. On the right, a large ship, the Ellis Island, is depicted sailing on the water. The text is arranged in a clean, professional layout with various fonts and colors (red, blue, gold, black) to highlight different elements.

SOUTHLAND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
2026 – 27 SEASON
A Season of Stories
MUSIC • STORIES • DREAMS • COMMUNITY

SEASON OPENER
AN AMERICAN JOURNEY

*A celebration of our nation's spirit,
hope, and enduring dreams.*

- ★ **AARON COPLAND** *Lincoln Portrait*
Terry Weatherby, narrator
- ★ **PETER BOYER** *Ellis Island: The Dream of America*
A musical tribute to the immigrant experience
- ★ **AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL**, arr. Sylvia Lee Mann

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2026
4 PM

CONCERT VENUE
BETHEL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
536 N EUCLID AVE, ONTARIO, CA 91762

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ONTARIO'S SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Dr. Sylvia Lee Mann
Music Director and Conductor

www.southlandsymphony.com

TICKETS & INFO

A QR code is located in the bottom right corner of the poster, next to the text 'TICKETS & INFO'.

*** 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.

C G/D C G/B G C G/B Am/C

Glo-ry to the Cre-a-tor, the Christ the Ho-ly Spi-rit

5 G/D D⁷ G C G⁷ G⁷

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

10 C G G/F C/E C/G G⁷ C

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

Isaiah 5:1-7 - *The song of the vineyard*

I will sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.

He dug it and cleared it of stones and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded rotten grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard.

What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield rotten grapes?

And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.

I will make it a wasteland; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his cherished garden; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness but heard a cry!

Matthew 21:33-46

[And Jesus said:] "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

'The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord's doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes'?

"Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Sermon

"The Vineyard"

Dr. Sylvia Lee Mann

Prayer for Transformation and New Life (*Unison*)

God of grace and God of glory,
bless us with your mercy and your steadfast love.
When we pursue pointless gains and embark on dead-end journeys,
guide us back to your ways.
When we strive for our own righteousness,
remind us that your righteousness is all we need.
When we reject your teaching,
or, even worse, reject your presence,
love us and correct our ways.
Forgive us and welcome us home
into the arms of your grace and love. Amen.

Words Assurance and Grace (*Pastor*)

Do not be afraid, God's love is strong enough
to overcome our weaknesses.

Prayers of the People (Joys and Concerns to share)

Silent Prayers

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 Consecration

Words of Remembrance

Distribution

Prayer of Thanksgiving (*Unison*)

**Holy Creator, we remember the sacrifice of Jesus, and all who follow
to bring love and justice to the world. 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

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.bethelucontario.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 Tithe.ly)



Use **ZELLE** (through your bank website or via the stand alone app) to transfer your offering to us directly from your bank. When you use Zelle, we are “Bethel Congregational Church” Our verified Zelle email is info@bethelucontario.org



MAIL - Just mail your check to Bethel Congregational Church 536 N Euclid Ave, Ontario CA 91762.



Scan. Pay. Go.

QR Code – Scan the code to send your offering to us through PayPal

Blessing of the Gifts (*Unison*)

Generous God, may these gifts be pleasing to you.
We pray to be faithful and fruitful
in the use of these offerings
so that we will serve you, O God,
and our neighbors in love. Amen.

1 Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life;
let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life;
Words of life and beauty teach me faith and duty.

Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.

Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.

2 Christ, the blessed one, gives to all wonderful words of life;
sinner, wake to the loving call, wonderful words of life;
All so freely given, one sure hope of heaven.

Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.

Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.

3 Sweetly echo the gospel call, wonderful words of life;
offer pardon and peace to all, wonderful words of life;
Jesus, only Savior, keep me with you forever.

Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.

Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.

Sing Them Over Again to Me

(Wonderful Words of Life)

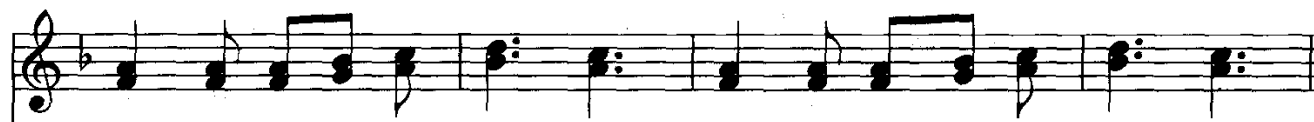
Philip P. Bliss, 1874; alt.



1 Sing them o - ver a - gain to me, won-der-ful words of life;
 2 Christ, the bless-ed one, gives to all won-der-ful words of life;
 3 Sweet-ly ech - o the gos - pel call, won-der-ful words of life;



let me more of their beau - ty see, won-der-ful words of life;
 sin - ner, wake to the lov - ing call, won-der-ful words of life;
 of - fer par-don and peace to all, won-der-ful words of life;



Words of life and beau - ty teach me faith and du - ty.
 All so free - ly giv - en, our sure hope of heav - en.
 Je - sus, on - ly Sav - ior, keep me with you for - ev - er.



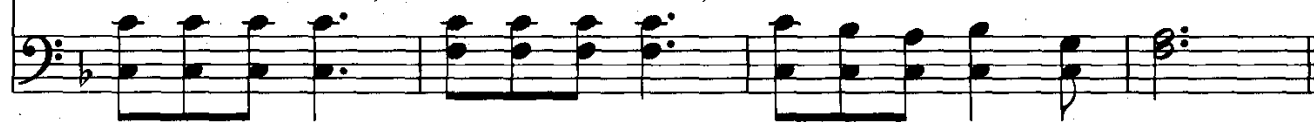
Refrain



Beau-ti - ful words, won-der-ful words, won-der-ful words of life.



Beau-ti - ful words, won-der-ful words, won-der-ful words of life.



Unison Benediction

May the God of the harvest bring forth seeds in you.
May every good seed you plant produce fruit.
May our fruit nourish and nurture the world.
Go, in peace and fruitfulness
knowing that the Holy One goes with you.
AMEN

Postlude

Carillon



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Live Stream Worship Sundays at 10 am on [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#), [Twitch](#)

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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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