

Worship Bulletin - Bethel Congregational Church UCC

September 6, 2026 – Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

“Restore, Repair, Revive”



CENTERING WORDS (Romans 13)

Awaken to the call of love, for love fulfills the law. Live fully in the light, as children of the day, embracing the grace and hope of our salvation.



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 – September 6, 2026

Prelude

Music for Gathering

Sandy Gunn

Call to Worship (*Inspired by Psalm 148*)

One: Let our praise today be made new.

Many: May we sing a new song, pray a new prayer, dance a new dance, and speak and hear a new word.

One: Let the faithful delight in the Holy One's marvelous acts

Many: From the seats in the sanctuary to the couches in our homes.

One: Let us glorify God with our voices, the work of our lives, and the joy of our souls.

Many: Glory to God! Praise the Holy One!

Unison Opening Prayer (*Exodus 12, Romans 13, Matthew 18*)

**Ancient of days, we enter your presence
to remember and rejoice.**

**We come looking for your steadfast faithfulness
and your loving care.**

**May we be a people who seek reconciliation
and genuine forgiveness with one another.**

**In remembrance and gratitude for your mercy
and your grace, we pray. Amen.**

***Gathering Hymn**

Go Down, Moses

When Israel was in Egypt's land,
Let my people go,
Oppressed so hard they could not stand,
Let my people go.
*Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land,
Tell old Pharaoh to let my people go.*

"Thus spoke our God," bold Moses said,
"Let my people go;
If not, I'll smite your first-born dead,
Let my people go."
*Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land,
Tell old Pharaoh to let my people go*

No more in bondage shall they toil,
Let my people go,
Nor spill their blood on Egypt's soil,
Let my people go.
*Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land,
Tell old Pharaoh to let my people go*

Oh, let us all from bondage flee,
my people go,
And let us all in Christ be free,
Let my people go.
*Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land,
Tell old Pharaoh to let my people go*

When Israel Was in Egypt's Land

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Exod. 3:7-12; 7:16; 8:1, 20; 9:1, 13; 10:3

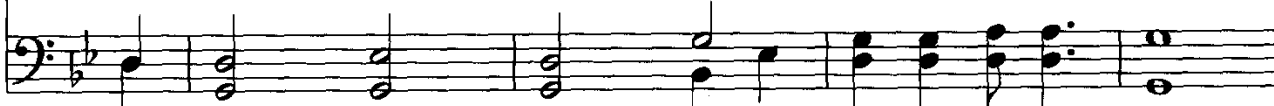
Unison



1 When Is - rael was in E - gypt's land, Let my peo-ple go,
2 "Thus spoke our God," bold Mo - ses said, "Let my peo-ple go;
3 No more in bond - age shall they toil, Let my peo-ple go,
4 Oh, let us all from bond-age flee, Let my peo-ple go,



Op - pressed so hard they could not stand, Let my peo-ple go.
If not I'll smite your first-born dead, Let my peo-ple go."
Nor spill their blood on E - gypt's soil, Let my peo-ple go.
And let us all in Christ be free, Let my peo-ple go.



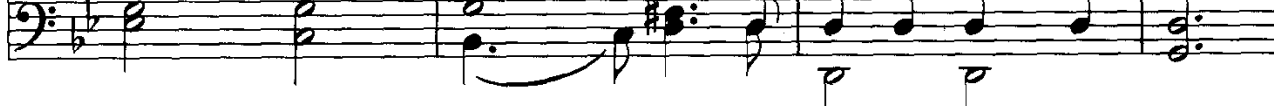
Refrain



Go down, Mo - ses, way down in E-gypt's land,



Tell old Pha - raoh to let my peo-ple go.



Welcome, Passing the Peace – Announcements

- **Sundays – Worship!** (Bethel 10am Sanctuary/Parlor; FCCO 11:30am)
- **Sundays 9:15am – Pop-Up Choir practice!**
- **Thursdays 10am - Qi-Gong/Tai Chi**
- **August 30th – Special Offering “Save the Church”**
- **Sign up to join Bethel’s Relay Team!**
- <https://secure.acsevents.org/goto/BethelOntario>
- **SERVICE PROJECT – September 12 9am – 11:30am 522 @ Francis St Ontario (LDS Church Parking Lot) We are partnering with Caring Songs (dog/cat rescue)**
- **Concert Canceled – September 12 6:30pm Thalia Moore, soprano - CANCELED**

Special Music

Pop-Up Choir

Children’s Time

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.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of three systems of music. Each system has a treble staff and a bass staff. Chords are indicated above the treble staff, and lyrics are written below the notes. The score begins with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The first system covers measures 1 through 4, the second system covers measures 5 through 8, and the third system covers measures 9 through 12. The score ends with a double bar line and a final chord of C.

Chords: 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.

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the Passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

"If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Prayer of Yearning *(Unison) (Inspired by Romans 13)*

Holy One, Romans 13 reminds us that, "Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law." Forgive us for those moments when we had the opportunity to choose love and did not. Forgive us for the days we kept silent when love required our voice. Forgive us for the instances when we could have extended grace and mercy and, instead, chose bitterness and resentment. Forgive us for the times when we have been hard to love and failed to appreciate the love given to us. Transform our lives and our hearts into vessels that reflect your love in the world. Amen.

Words of Grace *(Romans 13, Matthew 18)*

Wherever two or three are gathered in Christ's name, God is with us.

Where God is, grace and compassion abide.

*In the grace of God and the love of Christ,
we are made one in ministry to 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

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.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 Tithe.ly)



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Blessing of the Gifts (*Unison*)

Gracious God, may these gifts shift us from scarcity to abundance and from hoarding to sharing. Continue, Holy One, to plant seeds of generosity within us, and allow us to see these gifts bloom in and beyond this faith community. 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.
*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.
*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 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.
*And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love*

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

They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

Words and Music by
Peter Scholtes

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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 D⁷/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 D⁷/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 D⁷/A Em



know — we are Chris - tians by our love. —

Unison Benediction

Go...in the peace of Christ.
Live...in the love of Christ.
Hope...in the name of Christ.
And rest...in the abiding presence of Christ,
Who is among us in our coming and our going.

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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