

# Worship Bulletin - Bethel Congregational Church UCC

July 7, 2024

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

## *Communion Sunday*



### ***“We Are Sent”***

***Centering Words (Mark 6)***

*Take nothing for the journey of faith.*

*Only then will we truly give God the glory for our success*



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**Sunday – July 7, 2024**

Prelude

Music for Meditation

Ensemble

**Responsive Call to Worship** (*Ps 130*)

ONE: The prophets of old spoke of God's justice,  
even when it was unwelcome.

Who will hear their message?

**MANY: We will listen and we will hear!**

ONE: Responding to God's call, Jesus traveled,  
preaching and teaching all who would listen.

Who will hear his message?

**MANY: We will listen and we will hear!**

ONE: Christ sent out disciples two by two,  
to spread the good news in any place  
that would welcome them.

Who will hear their message?

**MANY: We will listen, and we will hear!**

ONE: God's prophets are among us still,  
around the world and in these pews.

Who will hear their message?

**MANY: We will listen and we will hear!**

**Responsive Prayer of Invocation**

ONE: Gracious God,  
you have made all of the peoples of the earth for your glory.

**MANY: You invite us to serve you in freedom and in peace.**

ONE: Give to the people of our nation a zeal for justice  
and the strength for forbearance,

**MANY: that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will.**

ONE: We ask this on a day of celebration,  
a day of hope for a nation made free.

**MANY: We ask this in the name of the one who welcomes all to be free  
indeed. Inspire us to live and worship in your freedom  
and for the sake of your kingdom. Amen.**

## Gathering Hymn    Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me 'Round

Ain't gonna let nobody turn me 'round  
Turn me 'round, turn me 'round  
Ain't gonna let nobody turn me 'round  
I'm gonna keep on walkin' Keep on talkin'  
Marchin' to that freedom land

Ain't gonna let **injustice** turn me 'round  
Turn me 'round, turn me 'round  
Ain't gonna let **injustice** turn me 'round  
I'm gonna keep on walkin' Keep on talkin'  
Marchin' to that freedom land

Ain't gonna let **no hatred** turn me 'round  
Turn me 'round, turn me 'round  
Ain't gonna let **no hatred** turn me 'round  
I'm gonna keep on walkin' Keep on talkin'  
Marchin' to that freedom land

Ain't gonna let nobody turn me 'round  
Turn me 'round, turn me 'round  
Ain't gonna let nobody turn me 'round  
I'm gonna keep on walkin' Keep on talkin'  
Marchin' to that freedom land

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of three staves. The first staff begins with an Am chord and ends with an E7 chord. The second staff begins with an Am chord. The third staff begins with an E7 chord and ends with an Am chord. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words underlined to indicate syllables.

Am E7

Ain't go-nna let\_\_ no - bo - dy turn me a-round\_\_ turn me a-round\_\_

5 Am

turn me a-round\_\_ Ain't go - nna let\_\_ no - bo - dy turn me a-round\_\_ I'm go - nna

8 E7 Am

keep on\_\_ walk-in'\_\_ keep on\_\_ talk-in'\_\_ mar-chin' to that free\_\_ dom land\_\_

## Passing the Peace

**Announcements/Special Events: *Thursdays at 10am - Qi-Gong. Sept 7 – Relay for Life!***

**Children's Time**

**David's Prayers**

**Saddleback Kids** (*used with permission*)

### \*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 and a bass staff. Chords are indicated above the treble staff. The lyrics are written below the notes.

**System 1:** 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:** 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:** 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.

## **2 Samuel 5:1–5, 9–10**

**Virginia Shannon**

Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, "Look, we are your bone and flesh. For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The LORD said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel." 3So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel. David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years.

David occupied the stronghold, and named it the city of David. David built the city all around from the Millo inward. And David became greater and greater, for the LORD, the God of hosts, was with him.

## **Mark 6:1-13**

**Pastor Sylvia**

He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him.

Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them.

And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place.

If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them."

So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

### **Unison Prayer of Commitment: (*Mark 6:7-13*)**

God of gods and King of kings;  
you called and anointed David,  
you called and blessed Paul,  
and through your Son Jesus, you called the twelve to follow.

In our time you have called us.  
Enable us to trust you above all voices,  
beyond all of our prejudices and fears.  
Give us courage to follow and serve you  
among all of our neighbors  
and with one another in the body of Christ.  
God of the kingdom, hear our prayer.

### **Words Assurance and Grace (*2 Cor 12*) (Pastor)**

God's grace is sufficient for all.  
May the power of Christ dwell in our souls,  
elevate our spirits, and nudge us to grow  
in our relationships. 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)

Having heard God's call to generosity,  
let us listen and respond with open hearts.

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.

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## Unison Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving (2 Corinthians 8)

**Outspoken Prophet,**

**hear the message we are speaking through these our gifts  
and aid us in spreading that message of hope and love  
to those whose voices have been silenced.**

**May they strengthen our congregation  
so that we may continue to listen to those in need.**

## **We Celebrate Holy Communion**

### **Invitation (Pastor)**

*Here at Bethel our Communion Table is available to all.  
This is God's table. You are invited.*

Some came alone.

Some were part of a crowd.

They were fearful, timid, hopeful, imperfect,  
and Jesus welcomed them all.

He quieted their fears.

He healed their infirmities.

He affirmed their faith.

He blessed their journey.

And so, today we come,

our lives, like theirs, marred by events,  
some the results of our action or inaction  
and others beyond our control.

We come in trust that in the meal prepared in his memory

Jesus will touch and heal us just as he blessed them.

So come. Come everyone. Be fed. Be made whole.

Welcome, all who praise the Living, Liberating God!

Welcome, as we lift up our hearts to be fed and forgiven!

### **Unison Consecration Invitation and Prayer**

Beloved God, we lay our hands on these items as did Jesus Christ. May Your Holy Spirit move through us filling these humble elements infuse them and us with Your courageous wisdom and freeing compassion. Amen.

### **Words of Remembrance and Institution (Pastor)**

Whenever the disciples *went out*, they went out two by two, just as Jesus had taught them to do. They shared the Good News of God's never-ending Love for us, offering mercy bridges to reconnect what had been broken.

Whenever the disciples *came in*, they came together around a shared table, just as Jesus had taught them to do. Today, we gather with the disciples [, and the heavenly Freedom Riders]. United, may we receive this mercy bridge – Christ's generosity and forgiveness.

Jesus lifted up the loaf, offering his body to them. Jesus thanked God for the bread, and he broke it, and gave it to his beloved friends, saying: "Take, eat. This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."



After supper, Jesus lifted up the cup, offering his forgiveness to them. Jesus thanked God for the wine, and gave it to his friends, saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

We share this freedom meal with those locked away in jails and prisons of all types; those who are far from home or lonely; those who are doing God's work wherever they are; those who are hungry for freedom and justice, compassion and care for all beings.

Holy Spirit, come now. Move among us and bless this food  
that we may be strengthened for our journey  
and assured of your abiding presence now and always.

**Sharing the Elements** *(they are at your tables)*

*Leader:* Let us receive the gift of God, the Bread of Heaven.

**Unison: We become the Body of Christ in the Bread we share.** *(Share the bread)*

*Leader:* Let us receive the gift of God, the Cup of Blessing.

**Unison: We are one in Christ in the Cup we share.** *(Share the juice)*

### **Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Holy One, Giver of Life and Love, we come rejoicing for the gift of your presence which we have celebrated in this meal. We have been fed by the fruits of earth as food for our souls, May the lives of all touched by your grace be gathered as one to proclaim your glory in all the earth.                      Amen.

We shall overcome, we shall overcome,  
we shall overcome some day;  
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,  
we shall overcome some day.

We'll go hand in hand,  
we'll go hand in hand,  
we'll go hand in hand some day;  
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,  
we'll go hand in hand some day.

We shall live in peace,  
we shall live in peace,  
we shall live in peace some day;  
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,  
we shall live in peace some day.

**We will sing Verses 1,2,6 only**

# We Shall Overcome

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United States traditional

John 8:31–32; Rom. 12:21; 2 Cor. 13:11

1 We shall o - ver - come, we shall o - ver -  
2 We'll go hand in hand, we'll go hand in  
3 We are not a - fraid, we are not a -  
4 Our God will see us through, our God will see us

come, we shall o - ver - come some day;  
hand, we'll go hand in hand some day;  
fraid, we are not a - fraid to - day;  
through, our God will see us through some day;

(1-6) Oh, deep in my heart, I do be - lieve,

we shall o - ver - come some day.  
we'll go hand in hand some day.  
we are not a - fraid to - day.  
our God will see us through some day.

5 The truth shall make us free . . . some day.

6 We shall live in peace . . . some day.

*This anthem of the 1960s civil rights movement was frequently sung at mass meetings and marches. Several sources have been cited as its origins, including the spiritual "No more auction block for me" based on the tune known as Sicilian Mariners; an old Baptist hymn "I'll Be All Right"; and part of the text from C. A.*

Tune: WE SHALL OVERCOME Irr.  
United States traditional  
Harm. J. Jefferson Cleveland, 1981

## **Benediction- We'll Do It Anyway** *(A Responsive Sending, inspired by Mark 6:7-13)*

Leader: Lord, what you have asked is not easy to do.

**People: With your Spirit, we'll do it anyway!**

Leader: The task is so big and requires the best and the worst of us.

**People: With your Spirit, we'll do it anyway!**

Leader: It is not easy to bury the ego, but we must for the sake of your mission.

**People: With your Spirit, we'll bury it anyway!**

Leader: When we protest the things that aren't of you, we'll be persecuted.

**People: With your Spirit, we'll protest anyway!**

Leader: Reconciliation is more than what we've bargained for,  
and training costs more than what we expected to pay.

**People: With your Spirit, we'll reconcile anyway!**

Leader: Loving requires a level of vulnerability that is scary as scary can be

**People: With your Spirit, we'll love anyway!**

**All: With the boldness of the Holy Spirit, we'll do your work anyway!**

## **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.*