

Worship Bulletin - Bethel Congregational Church UCC

February 8 2026 – 5th Sunday after Epiphany

“Shout, Shine!”



Centering Words
(Isaiah 58, Matthew 5)

In the beginning God brought forth light out of the darkness. This light has shown throughout the centuries in the lives of prophets and teachers, young and old, and in the life of Christ. This light still shines today in you. Let your light shine!



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Prelude

Music for Gathering

Sandy Gunn

Call to Worship

Leader: Shout it out—no holding back!

People: is truth that needs to be spoken.

Leader: Let the people rise and hear it.

People: We are listening. We stand ready.

Leader: Shout to the weary, the overlooked, the worn-thin:

People: With courage, we gather.

With voices, we speak words of life.

Leader: Shout to the hearts carrying hidden weight,

People: The Holy One meets us here in our honesty.

Leader: Shout to the systems that press people down,

People: Their power is not the final word.

Leader: A new song is rising—

People: A song that frees,

A rhythm that restores, A melody of reparation.

Leader: Shout to the builders, the dreamers, the stubbornly hopeful:

People: The time has come for burdens to lift,

For the grip of harm to loosen, For the rebuilding what has been broken.

Leader: Come, Beloved Community, Come.

bring your resolve, your compassion, your wide-awake faith.

All: Let us worship the God who calls us to remove every yoke.

Unison Opening Prayer (*Isaiah 58, 1 Corinthians 2*)

Amazing God, you have gathered us from many places
to come together and praise you this day.

For this we are grateful!

As we worship today,

may our minds be opened to learn your wisdom.

May our eyes be opened to places that need healing.

May our hands be opened to do your good work.

May our hearts be opened to your Holy Spirit,
who gifts us and guides us.

In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

Gathering Hymn: *Pass it On* *Kurt Kaiser*

Verse 1

It only takes a spark to get a fire going
And soon all those around can warm up in its glowing
That's how it is with God's love
Once you've experienced it
You spread His love to ev'ryone
You want to pass it on

Verse 2

What a wondrous time is spring when all the trees are budding
The birds begin to sing the flowers start their blooming
That's how it is with God's love
Once you've experienced it
You want to sing it's fresh like spring
You want to pass it on

Verse 3

I wish for you my friend this happiness that I've found
You can depend on Him, it matters not where you're bound
I'll shout it from the mountain top
I want my world to know
The Lord of love has come to me
I want to pass it on

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Pass It On

Words and Music by
Kurt Kaiser

J=100

VERSE

D **F#m** **G**

1. It on - ly takes a spark to get a fi - re
2. What a won - drous time is spring when all the trees are
3. I wish for you, my friend, this hap - pi - ness that

4 **A** **D** **F#m**

go - ing, _____ and soon all those a - round can
bud - ding, _____ The birds be - gin to sing, the
I've ___ found. _____ You can de - pend on Him, it

8 **G** **A** **D** **G**

warm up to its glow - ing; _____ That's how it is with
flow - ers start their bloom - ing. _____ That's how it is with
mat - ters not where you're ___ bound; _____ I'll shout it from the

12 **D/F#** **Em7** **A7** **F#m** **Bm**

God's ___ love, once you've ex - per - i - enced it: _____ You
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moun - tain - top, I want my world _ to know: _____ The

15 **Em7** **D/F#** **G** **A7** **D**

spread His love to ev - 'ry - one, you want to pass it on.
want to sing, it's fresh like spring, you want to pass it on.
Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.

Welcome, Passing the Peace - Announcements/Regular and Special Events

- **ANNUAL MEETING – SUNDAY FEBRUARY 15, 2026 following worship.**
- **Sundays – Worship! (Bethel 10am Sanctuary/Parlor; FCCO 11:30am**
- **Tuesdays – 7pm SSO Chorus – begins Feb 17th**
- **Wednesdays - 6pm Scouts(basement). 3rd Wednesdays 7pm – Spiritual Studies with Rev. Heather Miner (“The Tears of Things” by Richard Rohr. Next session Feb 17.)**
- **Thursdays 10am - Qi-Gong ;**
- **Fridays – evenings SWE Rehearsals (sanctuary/parlor)**
- **Saturdays –SSO Rehearsals (mornings begins Jan 31)**

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.

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Glory to the Creator

The musical score consists of three staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef, the middle is in bass clef, and the bottom is in bass clef. The music is in 4/4 time. The lyrics are integrated into the music, with the first section ending with "Amen." and the second section ending with "Amen. Amen." The score includes key changes indicated above the staff, such as C, G/D, G/B, G, C, G/B, Am/C, G/D, D⁷, G, C, G⁷, G⁷, C, G/F, C/E, C/G, G⁷, C, and C.

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.

Shout out; do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins.

Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments; they want God on their side.

"Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?"

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day and oppress all your workers.

You fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high.

Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am."

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.

The LORD will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail.

Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid.

No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house.

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished.

Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Caretaker of our souls, aid us in our quest.
We long to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.
We yearn to live with such passion and purpose
that our lives may be like a city on a hill,
resplendent in justice and righteousness
for all the world to see.
Let this moment mark a turning—
a turning toward your justice,
a turning toward your tenderness,
a turning toward the shared life you imagine for us.
Shine through us this day, for we seek to reflect your glory
in all that we say and in all that we do.
In your grace, make us new. Amen.

Words of Assurance (*Isaiah 58*)

When we call out to God, God is there to hear us.
Know that your prayers have been heard.
Now, receive the grace of God
and live in God's abundant mercy.

Prayers of the People

Joys and Concerns
Silent Prayer

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)

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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Blessing and Dedication of the Gifts

Abundant God, source of every good gift,
we thank you for the light you shine in our lives;
we praise you for the joy you bring to our hearts.
Receive the gifts we bring before you this day,
that they may loose the bonds of injustice,
undo the thongs of the yoke, feed the hungry,
and let the oppressed go free.

May these gifts help heal and restore our community
Bless this offering and the ministries it supports,
that your light may chase away the shadows
in places lost to hopelessness and despair.

Amen.

1 This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

2 Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine;
everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

3 All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine;
all through the night, I'm gonna let it shine.
All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine;
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

4 Building up the world, I'm gonna let it shine;
Building up the world, I'm gonna let it shine.
Building up the world, I'm gonna let it shine;
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

This Little Light of Mine

This lit - tle light of mine
Ev' ry where I go
All through the night
Build - ing up the world

I'm gon-na let it shine
I'm gon-na let it shine
I'm gon-na let it shine
I'm gon-na let it shine

This lit - tle light of mine
Ev' ry where I go
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Let it shine

Responsive Benediction

ONE: May the Way, Truth and Life go with you,
the Presence that unsettles what must change
and steadies what must endure.

**MANY: Let the weight on your shoulders grow lighter,
not by forgetting it, but by letting others walk beside you.**

ONE: Carry within you a courage that listens deeply,
an imagination wide enough to rebuild ruins,
and a tenderness fierce enough to unlearn every habit of harm..

**MANY: And as you go—into streets that need mending
and neighborhoods aching for breath—
may you hear the Holy murmur “Here I am”
in every shared burden, in every act of mercy,
in every small unraveling of the yoke.**

**Go in boldness. Go in gentleness.
Go in the sacred work of making all things whole.
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.*