

Worship Bulletin - Bethel Congregational Church UCC

June 9, 2024 – 3rd Sunday after Pentecost



“Focus on the Family”

Centering Words (2 Corinthians 5)

*Should everything we cling to be destroyed, we have an imperishable house,
not made with hands, but eternal in the heavens.*



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Prelude

Music for Meditation

Sandy Gunn

Responsive Call to Worship (*Psalm 139*)

ONE: In this family of faith,
we have a place where we will always belong.

**MANY: Here we find friends who will love us
as children of the Most High.**

ONE: In this house of God,
we worship a King who rules with equity.

**MANY: Here we follow One whose steadfast love
endures forever.**

ONE: Whoever you are and wherever you are
on life's journey, you are welcome here.

MANY: Thanks be to God.

Opening Prayer (*1 Samuel 8, 2 Corinthians 4–5, Mark 3*)

O God,

bind us together as your family.

Swing wide the doors of our hearts

and the doors of our church,

that we may welcome the stranger in.

Give us a spirit of faith,

that we may be your temples upon this earth,

lovers of your law and givers of your grace.

In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Won't you let me be your servant
Let me be as Christ to you
Pray that I may have the grace
To let you be my servant too

We are pilgrims on a journey
Fellow travelers on the road
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load

I will hold the Christ-light for you
In the nighttime of your fear
I will hold my hand out to you
Speak the peace you long to hear

I will weep when you are weeping
When you laugh, I'll laugh with you
I will share your joy and sorrow
Till we've seen this journey through

When we sing to God in heaven
We will find such harmony
Born of all we've known together
Of Christ's love and agony

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Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?

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Richard Gillard, 1977; alt.

Rom. 12:9-18; Col. 1:24-29

1 & 6 Won't you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as Christ to you?
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - elers on the road;
3 I will hold the Christ-light for you in the shad - ow of your fear;
4 I will weep when you are weep-ing; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
5 When we sing to God in heav - en we shall find such har - mo - ny,

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with the bass staff providing a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the staves, with line numbers 1 through 5 indicating the start of each line of the song.

Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my ser-vant, too.
We are here to help each oth - er go the mile and bear the load.
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
I will share your joy and sor-row till we've seen this jour-ney through.
Born of all we've known to - geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

(repeat stanza 1)

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. It includes the same treble and bass staves. The lyrics continue below the staves, with a final line indicating to repeat stanza 1. The notation ends with a double bar line.

Richard Gillard was born in England and later made his home in New Zealand. Largely self-taught, Gillard has described his musical style as "folk." This is the best known of his many songs in the United States.

Tune: SERVANT SONG 8.7.8.7.
Richard Gillard, 1977
Arr. Betty Carr Pulkingham, 1977; adapt.

Passing the Peace

Announcements/Special Events: *Thursdays at 10am - Qi-Gong; June 15 – Bethel at Pride Fair*

Children's Time

*Gloria

Glory to the Creator,
The Christ, the Holy Spirit three in one;
As is was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.

The musical score is written for piano in 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. Chords are indicated above 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, D⁷, G, C, G⁷, G⁷

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, G⁷, C

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

Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, and said to him, "You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations."

But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to govern us." Samuel prayed to the LORD, and the LORD said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them.

Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. Now then, listen to their voice; only--you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them."

So Samuel reported all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, "These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots.

He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers.

He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers.

He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers.

He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work.

He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves.

And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the LORD will not answer you in that day."

But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said "No! but we are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles."

Samuel said to the people, "Come, let us go to Gilgal and there renew the kingship." So all the people went to Gilgal, and there they made Saul king before the LORD in Gilgal. There they sacrificed offerings of well-being before the LORD, and there Saul and all the Israelites rejoiced greatly.

I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;

before the gods I sing your praise;

I bow down toward your holy temple

and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness;

for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

On the day I called, you answered me,

you increased my strength of soul.

All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD,

for they have heard the words of your mouth.

They shall sing of the ways of the LORD,

for great is the glory of the LORD.

For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly;

but the haughty he perceives from far away.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble,

you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;

you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;

your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.

Do not forsake the work of your hands.

Mark 3:20–35

Then he went home, and the crowd came together again,
so that they could not even eat.

When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him,
for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.”

And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said,
“He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.”

And he called them to him and spoke to them in parables,
“How can Satan cast out Satan?

If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.

And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand.

And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided,
he cannot stand, but his end has come.

But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property
without first tying up the strong man;
then indeed the house can be plundered.

“Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins
and whatever blasphemies they utter,
but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit
can never have forgiveness but is guilty of an eternal sin” —
for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

Then his mother and his brothers came,
and standing outside they sent to him and called him.

A crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him,

“Your mother and your brothers are outside asking for you.”

And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?”

And looking at those who sat around him, he said,

“Here are my mother and my brothers!

Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

Prayer of Yearning *(1 Samuel 8, 2 Corinthians 4, Mark 3)*

Loving Father, in the midst of our brokenness,
knit us together as your family.

Loving Mother, in the midst of our woundedness,
seal us in your heart as sisters and brothers.

Gentle Spirit, swing wide the doors of our church,
that all may find within these walls
a place where your will is done
and holy relationships are nurtured.

In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Words Assurance and Grace *(Pastor) (Mark 3:34)*

Christ says to us:

"Here are my mother and my brothers.

Whoever does the will of God

is my brother and sister and mother."

*As the family of God, we are loved and cherished
by our gracious God..*

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)

The Holy Spirit's gifts have been poured into our hearts and our lives. In response, let us share these blessings for the good of God's people.

Please remember to send your offerings in so that we can continue our ministries.

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Unison Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving

Loving Creator, we are your people.

**As we reach for our brothers and sisters in Christ,
and our mothers and fathers in faith,
use these offerings to heal our world
and draw all people into your holy family.**

Amen.

1 In Christ there is no East or West, in Christ no South or North;
But one community of love throughout the whole wide earth.

2 In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;
God's service is the golden cord close-binding humankind.

3 In Christ is neither Jew nor Greek, and neither slave nor free;
For men and women live in God, and all are kin to me.

4 In Christ now meet both East and West, in Christ meet South and North;
One joyous, true community throughout the whole wide earth.

CHRISTIAN UNITY**394****In Christ There Is No East or West***1 Cor. 12:13; Gal. 3:28; Eph. 2:14-22**John Oxenham, 1908; alt.
St. 3, Laurence Hull Stookey, 1987*

1 In Christ there is no East or West, in Christ no South or North;
2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their high com - mu - nion find;
3 In Christ is nei - ther Jew nor Greek, and nei - ther slave nor free;
4 In Christ now meet both East and West, in Christ meet South and North;

But one com - mu - ni - ty of love through - out the whole wide earth.
God's ser - vice is the gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
For men and wom - en live in God, and all are kin to me.
One joy - ous, true com - mu - ni - ty through - out the whole wide earth.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time. It features a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a strong emphasis on the lyrics. The score is divided into two systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

Singer and composer Harry T. Burleigh studied at the National Conservatory of Music from 1892 to 1896. He is recognized as the first African-American composer to employ spirituals in concert arrangements. This tune is named after the rector of St. George's Episcopal Church in New York City, where Burleigh served as baritone soloist for more than fifty years.

Tune: McKEE C.M.
African-American melody
Arr. Harry T. Burleigh, 1939
Alternate setting: ST. PETER

Benediction (Responsive) (2 Corinthians 4–5, Mark 3)

ONE: Sisters and brothers of Christ, go into all the world!

Go forth with forgiveness and grace.

Go forth with compassion and love.

MANY: We go as Christ's family

for all the world to see.

Go in Love, Go in Joy, Go in Peace, 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.*