

Worship Bulletin - Bethel Congregational Church UCC

November 9, 2025 – 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

“A New Reality”



Centering Words (Haggai 2, 2 Thessalonians 2)

*No matter what is going on within and without,
the peace of God renews your cells and souls each moment.*

*In celebration of divine peace,
inhale the refreshing serenity of the Spirit and exhale all
that blocks you from receiving the comforting love of Christ.*



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Prelude

Music for Gathering

Sandy Gunn

Call to Worship (*Inspired by Psalm 17*)

Responsive

One: Guard me as the apple of your eye, O God.

Many: You wondrously show us your steadfast peace

One: Hide me in the shadow of your wings, Divine Spirit.

Many: You wondrously show us your steadfast strength.

One: I behold your face in righteousness, Christ of Hope.

Many: You wondrously show us your steadfast love.

Unison Opening Prayer (*Haggai 2, Psalm 145, 2 Thessalonians 2, Luke 20*)

Divine Foundation, even as tumultuous winds shake us
and the floor beneath us quakes,
you firmly hold us.

As the world around us rattles,
you erase fear from our hearts.

Whether on earth or in heaven,
your loving Spirit endures.

It pervades the limitless reaches
of your creation.

Lift us during times of trembling, enduring Spirit,
and still us during moments of uncertainty. Amen.

1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes.

Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, your great name we praise.

2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
not wanting, not wasting, but ruling in might;
Your justice like mountains high soaring above,
your clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.


3 Your life is life-giving - to both great and small;
in all life you're living, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves and as flowers,
then wither and perish - but naught dims your powers.

4 So perfect your glory, so brilliant your light,
your angels adore you, all veiling their sight;
All praise we now render as your angels do:
in awe at the splendor of light hiding you.

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Walter C. Smith, 1867; alt.

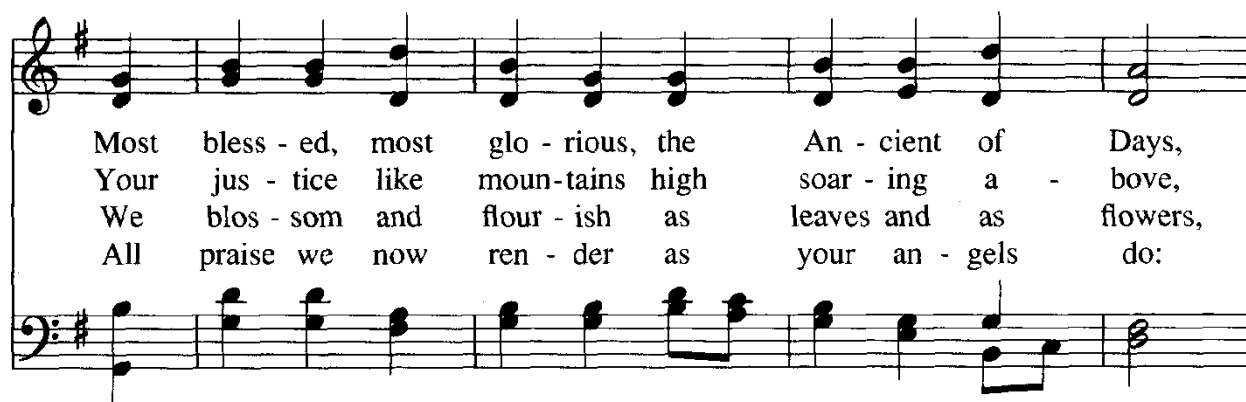
1 Tim. 1:17; Ps. 36:6



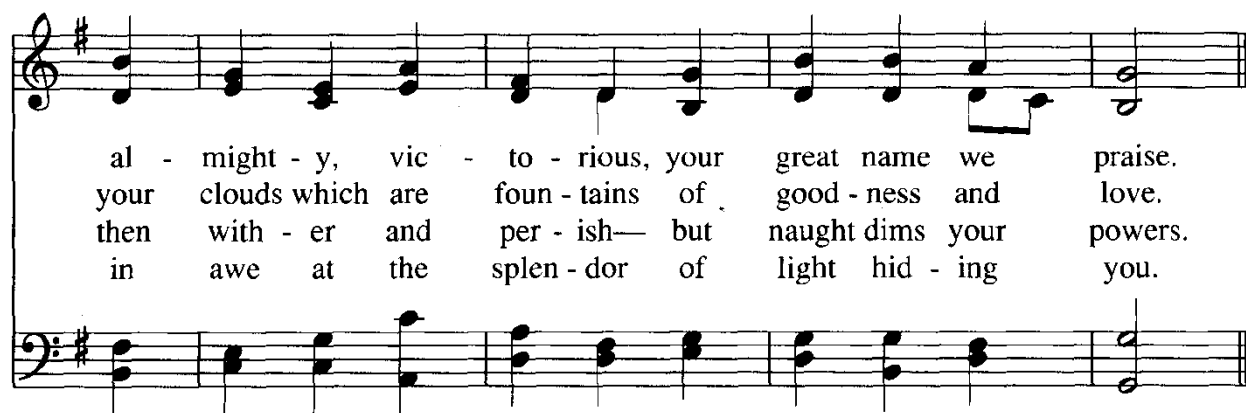
1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 Your life is life - giv - ing— to both great and small;
 4 So per - fect your glo - ry, so bril - liant your light,



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 not want - ing, not wast - ing, but rul - ing in might;
 in all life you're liv - ing, the true life of all;
 your an - gels a - dore you, all veil - ing their sight;



Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 Your jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove,
 We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves and as flowers,
 All praise we now ren - der as your an - gels do:



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

- *Sundays – Worship! (Bethel 10am Sanctuary/Parlor; FCCO 11:30am)*
- *Tuesdays – 7pm SSO Chorus*
- *Wednesdays - 5 – 6:30pm OYS. 6pm Scouts(basement).*
- *Thursdays 10am - Qi-Gong ;*
- *Fridays – evenings SWE Rehearsals (sanctuary/parlor)*
- *Saturdays –SSO Rehearsals (mornings); FCCO Korean Fellowship 10-2*

Special Music

Amazing Grace

Pam and Gail

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

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Chords: C, G/D, C, G/B, G, C, G/B, Am/C

5 Chords: G/D, D⁷, G, C, G⁷, G⁷

10 Chords: 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.

Haggai 2:1-2:9

In the second year of King Darius, in the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the LORD came by the prophet Haggai, saying:

"Speak now to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, and say:

Who is left among you who saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Is it not in your sight as nothing?

Yet now take courage, O Zerubbabel, says the LORD; take courage, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; take courage, all you people of the land, says the LORD; work, for I am with you, says the LORD of hosts, according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt. My spirit abides among you; do not fear.

For thus says the LORD of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land, and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations will come, and I will fill this house with splendor, says the LORD of hosts.

The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the LORD of hosts.

The latter splendor of this house shall be greater than the former, says the LORD of hosts, and in this place I will give prosperity, says the LORD of hosts."

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him and asked him a question: "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother.

Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless.

Finally the woman also died.

In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage.

Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection.

And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.

Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive."

Prayer of Yearning (*Haggai 2, Psalm 145, 2 Thessalonians 2*)

Holy God, Sacred Serenity—
the vibrations of our worry shake us to the core.
We want answers now, not tomorrow.
Our minds demand proof that all will be well.
We refuse to wait with peace and patience for certainty.
We blame ourselves for calamities,
even when they are beyond our control.
We accuse you for mishaps,
even when your hand has only loved us.
As the earth's roads crack below us,
your sacred foundation sturdies us.
May your strength embolden us
in times of trouble and distress,
that we may move forward with hope. Amen.

Words of Grace (Pastor) (*Haggai 2, 2 Thessalonians 2*)

*Whether under moonlight or during the day,
the steadfast grace of God delivers us
from the shame stirring within us.
May the eternal comfort and hope of our Creator
fill our hearts with peace and courage
for the road ahead.*

Prayers of the People – *Sharing our Joys and Concerns*

Silent Prayer – *bring your personal prayers to God*

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 (Haggai 2, Psalm 145, 2 Thessalonians 2)

Holy, Steadfast Love, as we abide together in your realm,
you bring stillness to our hurried world.

Even as the world quakes and our anxiety builds,
your peace blesses our souls.

Help us share this serenity with our companions
on the road.

Bless the gifts we return to you this day,
that they may bring unity to your realm
and hope for a harmonious universe. Amen.

1. Sing the wondrous love of Jesus;
sing his mercy and his grace.
In the mansions bright and blessed
he'll prepare for us a place.

Refrain:

*When we all get to heaven,
what a day of rejoicing that will be!
When we all see Jesus,
we'll sing and shout the victory!*

2. While we walk the pilgrim pathway,
clouds will overspread the sky;
but when traveling days are over,
not a shadow, not a sigh.
(Refrain)

3. Let us then be true and faithful,
trusting, serving every day;
just one glimpse of him in glory
will the toils of life repay.
(Refrain)

4. Onward to the prize before us!
Soon his beauty we'll behold;
soon the pearly gates will open;
we shall tread the streets of gold.
(Refrain)

When We All Get to Heaven

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1. Sing the won-drous love of Je - sus; sing his mer - cy
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 3. Let us then be true and faith - ful, trust - ing, serv - ing
 4. On - ward to the prize be - fore us! Soon his beau - ty

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Benediction – Unison (*Haggai 2, Psalm 145, 2 Thessalonians 2, Luke 20*)

May the God of strength fill our hearts with hope,
as we face a quaking world.

May the Christ of love fill our hearts with faith,
as we wonder what's next.

May the Spirit of peace fill our hearts with tranquility,
as we seek eternal comfort.

May God's splendor illuminate the road ahead,
as we seek the joy of heaven.

Go in Peace, Go in Joy, Go in Love

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.