

Bethel Online –15th Sunday after Pentecost – September 13, 2020

“Deliverance”

Prepare:

I again invite you to send in short sharing stories (written or video) of experiencing God and connection (to God - to each other) during the quarantine. Some of these may be included in our worship video (with your permission). Please send these by noon on Saturdays so that Pastor Sylvia can place them into our video! If you don't make it in time for this week - don't worry – we love to share the presence of God in our lives, so send when you can. Here is an uplink so that you can upload your video directly to Pastor Sylvia. <https://spaces.hightail.com/uplink/sylviamann>

- *Prepare your worship area – This week – . As always – if you wish, include a candle, flowers, and a cross... Think about a memory – a time that you did not realize God was there with you – and then later saw the hand of God in that moment. If you have a photo, or some kind of reminder - include that in your worship area – or just write down a brief sentence of phrase about it on a small card or piece of paper, and include that...Thank you for your preparation*

We Gather

Prelude

Music for Meditation

Sandy Gunn

Responsive Call to Worship

L: Sing praise to God who rescues us when we fall!

P: Sing praise to God who walks with us on all our journeys!

L: Even though we fall, God lifts us and places us on paths of peace.

P: Even though we stray, God finds us and brings us back to lives of hope.

L: Thanks be to God, whose love is continually with us.

P: Praise be to God, whose mercy is over us all. AMEN.

Opening Prayer (Responsive)

L: Compassionate-One, Lover-of-Goodness, Patience-with-Sinners,
Draw near to us.

**P: Surround us with confidence in your good news:
that you love us as parents love their children;
that your mercy is boundless and generous,
that you beckon us always and will wait forever
as we find our way back to you.**

L: Open our hearts to receive your compassion;
And then show us how to forgive,

**P: So that we may be vessels of resurrection hope in our troubled world.
In Jesus' name. Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

When Peace Like A River

1 When peace like a river, uphold me each day,
when sorrows like sea billows roll,
whatever my lot, you have taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

Refrain:

It is well with my soul;
it is well, it is well with my soul.

2 Though evil should tempt me, though trials should come,
let this blessed assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has paid life and blood for my soul: [Refrain]

3 My sin - oh, the bliss of this glorious thought -
my sin - not in part, but the whole -
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! [Refrain]

4 O God, speed the day that is filled with your light,
when clouds are rolled back as a scroll;
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall appear,
"even so" - it is well with my soul. [Refrain]

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STRUGGLE AND CONFLICT

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When Peace, Like a River
(It Is Well with My Soul)

Ps. 146; Col. 1:19-23; 2:13-14; 3 John 1:2

Horatio G. Spafford, 1873; alt.

1 When peace, like a riv - er, up - holds me each day, when
 2 Though e - vil should tempt me, though tri - als should come, let
 3 My sin— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought— my
 4 O God, speed the day that is filled with your light, when

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Refrain

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 bear it no more. Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!
 Lord shall ap - pear, "e - ven so"— it is well with my soul.

well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 It is well with my soul.

This hymn was written out of grief over the loss of the author's four daughters in the sinking of the SS Ville du Havre. After leaving his Chicago law practice, Horatio G. Spafford and his wife settled in Jerusalem.

Tune: VILLE DU HAVRE 11.8.11.9. with refrain
 Philip P. Bliss, 1876

We Proclaim /God Is Still Speaking

Welcome and Greetings

Special Music

Children's Time

Phillip and the Ethiopian

Saddleback 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.

Gloria

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Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

Piano

Glo- ry to the Cre- a- tor, the Christ, the

The first system of musical notation for the piano accompaniment of 'Gloria'. It features a grand staff with a treble and bass clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics 'Glo- ry to the Cre- a- tor, the Christ, the' are written below the notes.

Ho- ly Spi- rit Three in One. As it was in the be-

The second system of musical notation, starting at measure 4. The lyrics 'Ho- ly Spi- rit Three in One. As it was in the be-' are written below the notes.

gin- ning, is now and e- ver shall be,

The third system of musical notation, starting at measure 8. The lyrics 'gin- ning, is now and e- ver shall be,' are written below the notes.

World with- out end, A - men, A - men.

The fourth system of musical notation, starting at measure 11. The lyrics 'World with- out end, A - men, A - men.' are written below the notes. The system ends with a double bar line.

Exodus 14:19-31

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Matthew 18:21-35

Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Sermon

"Deliverance"

Dr. Sylvia Lee Mann

We Respond/Supporting God's Mission

Invitation to the Offering

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Please remember to send your offerings in so that we can continue our ministries. There are many ways to send your support.

You can send your regular tithes and offerings – **and** you can also give to the “Children’s Offering”, which goes to our mission projects, including the Furry Friends Pet Food Bank. (If you want a portion of your offering to be designated as “children’s offering, just write that in the message area.)

Also – if you wish to send an offering to **One Great Hour of Sharing**, just write OGHs in the memo. If you forget to write a note with the offering – just email us (info@BethelUCCOntario.org) or message us through Facebook.

Giving Options:

Give online at www.betheluccontario.org, using the yellow “Donate” button. (It will take you to a Paypal screen where you can use a credit or debit card. You do NOT have to have a Paypal account to use this.



Use **ZELLE** through your bank to transfer your offering to us directly.



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MAIL - Just mail your check to Bethel Congregational Church 536 N Euclid Ave, Ontario CA 91762.



Prayer of Confession(Unison)

Lord,
your grace and mercy are ever-present in our lives,
your forgiveness is boundless in mercy
when we fail to live in Christlike ways.
And yet, we are quick to carry a grudge—
quick to find fault,
quick to assign blame,
quick to harden our hearts toward others.
Set us apart, loving God,
to extend and model the grace you have shown us
by offering grace to others.
We pray in the name of the One who died
so that we might fully live. Amen.

Words of Assurance

In the name of Jesus Christ, each one of us has received healing mercies, deliverance, and forgiveness. We are now given opportunities to offer forgiveness and redemption to one another. May the peace of Jesus Christ be with us all. AMEN. *(Let us Invite silence)*

Prayers – *Continue to call to mind the joys and concerns on your heart, as we join together in The Lord's Prayer*

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

We are Sent/Being The Church

***Singing into Mission** *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

1 There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice,
which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earthly sorrows
are more felt than in God's heaven;
there's no place where earthly failings
have such kindly judgment given.

2 For the love of God is broader
than the measures of our minds;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful,
we would gladly trust God's Word,
and our lives would show thanksgiving
for the goodness of our God.

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There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Frederick William Faber, 1854; alt.



1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
2 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures of our minds;



there's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice, which is more than lib - er - ty.
and the heart of the E - ter-nal is most won-der - ful - ly kind.



There's no place where earth-ly sor-rows are more felt than in God's heaven;
If our love were but more faith-ful, we would glad-ly trust God's word;



there's no place where earth-ly fail-ings have such kind-ly judg-ment given.
and our lives would show thanks-giv-ing for the good-ness of our God.



Of Huguenot Protestant ancestry, Frederick William Faber was influenced by the Oxford Movement and eventually became a Catholic priest. He wrote 150 hymns to correspond to the number of psalms.

Tune: IN BABILONE 8.7.8.7.D.
Dutch melody
Arr. Julius Röntgen, 1906
Alternate tune: HOLY MANNA

Benediction

**Go with the God who can part
the troubled waters of your life
and lead you through to dry ground.**

**Go with the God who can scatter and subdue
all that hinders you on your journey.**

**Go with the God who brings forgiveness and deliverance
Go forth in God's might and in God's peace. Amen.**

Unison