

# Bethel Online –20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – October 18, 2020

## *We Gather*

### Pre-Service Music

**Prelude**

*Music for Meditation*

Sandy Gunn

### Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: As we gather to worship you, Holy One,

**People: show us your presence, O God.**

Leader: As we join to pray at your footstool, Exalted One,

**People: show us your ways, O God.**

Leader: As we unite our voices to praise you, Lover of Justice,

**People: show us your glory, O God.**

Leader: As we tremble in the cleft of the rock,  
silently awaiting you, Merciful One,

**People: show us your goodness, O God.**

Leader: Let the earth shake in your praise, Most High!

**People: We extol your great and awesome name,  
ever-present God!**

### Opening Prayer (Unison)

Living God, move among us and awaken us  
to your loving presence.

When we lose our way and put our confidence in our possessions  
and our wisdom, call us back to you.

Remind us that our very identity is dependent on your abiding mercy.

Show us how to walk with steadfast faithfulness,  
following the path of justice and goodness in our daily lives.

May our days be filled with joy and hope  
as we share the good news of abundant life  
that comes from following Jesus Christ.

In the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.

## Gathering Hymn

## Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
And His righteousness  
And all these things  
Shall be added unto you  
Allelu alleluia

Man shall not live by bread alone  
But by ev'ry word  
That proceeds  
From the mouth of God  
Allelu alleluia

Ask and it shall be given unto you  
Seek and ye shall find  
Knock and the door  
Shall be opened unto you  
Allelu alleluia

# Seek Ye First

Words and Music by  
Karen Lafferty

♩ = 120

VERSE

C C<sup>sus</sup> Em F C



1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
2. Man shall not live by bread alone  
3. Ask and it shall be given unto you,

5 F C Dm<sup>7</sup> G<sup>7</sup> C C<sup>sus</sup>



and His righteous, and all these  
but by every word that pro -  
seek and ye shall find, knock and the

10 Em Em<sup>7</sup> F C



things shall be added unto you -  
-ceeds from the mouth of God -  
door shall be opened unto you -

13 F C F/C C G<sup>7sus</sup> G<sup>7</sup> C



Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

## *We Proclaim /God Is Still Speaking*

### Welcome and Greetings

### Special Music

### Children's Time

The Parable of the Two Builders

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**  
#759 NCH Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

Piano

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 e- ver shall be,

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

## **Exodus 33:12-23**

**Virginia Shannon**

Moses said to the Lord, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth."

The Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The Lord'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." And the Lord continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

## **1 Thessalonians 1:1-10**

**Donna Saxton**

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of people we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place where your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead — Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

## **Matthew 22:15-22**

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

**Sermon**

*"Render unto Caesar?"*

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](mailto:info@BethelUCCOntario.org)) or message us through Facebook.

#### **Giving Options:**

**Give online** at [www.bethelucontario.org](http://www.bethelucontario.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.



This saves us the small fee (about 2.7%) that PayPal charges us. When you use Zelle, we are Bethel Congregational Church/email is [info@bethelucontario.org](mailto:info@bethelucontario.org)

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





**Prayer of Confession (Unison)** (Exodus 33, Matthew 22)

God of mercy, we place our trust in tangible things—  
things we can see and touch—and question whether you are really there.  
Forgive us, Holy One, when we fail to recognize that you are always nearby,  
patiently waiting for us to recognize your presence and your glory.  
Help us when we lose our way, and forgive us when we forget  
to whom we truly belong.

Lover of justice,  
open our eyes to see you;  
open our ears to hear you;  
open our hearts to love you;  
and open our hands to serve you.

**Words of Assurance**

(Exodus 33:14, Psalm 99)

When we cry to God, looking for favor in God's sight,  
God answers: "My presence will go with you,  
and I will give you rest."

In the power of the Spirit and in the name of Jesus,  
we are forgiven!

We will rest in God's mercy! (*We 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    Take My Gifts**    by Shirley Erena Murray & Colin Gibson

1 Take my gifts and let me love you,  
God who first of all loved me,  
gave me light and food and shelter,  
gave me life and set me free,  
now because your love has touched me,  
I have love to give away,  
now the bread of love is rising,  
loaves of love to multiply!

2 Take the fruit that I have gathered  
from the tree your Spirit sowed,  
harvest of your own compassion,  
juice that makes the wine of God,  
spiced with humor, laced with laughter -  
flavor of the Jesus life,  
tang of risk and new adventure,  
taste and zest beyond belief.

3 Take whatever I can offer -  
gifts that I have yet to find,  
skills that I am slow to sharpen,  
talents of the hand and mind,  
things made beautiful for others  
in the place where I must be:  
take my gifts and let me love you,  
God who first of all loved me.

# Take My Gifts And Let Me Love You

Words and Music by  
Shirley Erena Murray and Colin Gibson

D A/C# Bm

1. Take my gifts and let me love \_\_\_\_\_ You, \_ God who first of  
2. Take the fruit that I have gath - ered \_ from the tree Your  
3. Take what - ev - er I can of - fer, \_ gifts that I have

4 F#m/A A<sup>2sus</sup> G D/F# Em

all \_ loved me, \_ gave me light and food and shel - ter, \_ gave me life and  
Spir - it sowed, \_ har - vest of Your own com - pas - sion, \_ juice that makes the  
yet \_ to find, \_ skills that I am slow to sharp - en, \_ tal - ents of the

8 Gmaj<sup>7</sup> A D A/C#

set me free; \_ Now be - cause Your love has touched \_\_\_\_\_ me, \_  
wine of God; \_ Spiced with hu - mor, laced with laugh - ter, \_  
hand and mind; \_ Things made beau - ti - ful for oth - ers \_

11 Bm F#m/A A<sup>2sus</sup> G F#m<sup>7</sup> Bm/E Em

I have love to give \_ a - way, \_ now the bread of  
fla - vor of the Je - sus life, \_ tang of risk and  
in the place where I \_\_\_\_\_ must be: \_ Take my gifts and

14 G F#m<sup>7</sup> Bm/E Em Em/G F#m Em<sup>7</sup> A<sup>2</sup> D

love is ris - ing, loaves of love to mul - ti - ply! \_  
new ad - ven - ture, taste and zest be - yond \_ be - lief. \_  
let me love You, God who first of all \_\_\_\_\_ loved me. \_

**Benediction (Responsive) (1 Thessalonians 1)**

Leader: Go from this place with the confidence that you are God's beloved children.

**People: We go, to labor in love with all we meet.**

Leader: Go out into the world with steadfast hope and joyous trust.

**People: We go, remembering our faithful God who goes before us.**

Leader: In God's love, the Spirit's power, and the peace of Christ, go now in peace.

**People: Go in Peace, AMEN**