

Congregational songs for Jan. 17, 2021

Together, VT 389

Verse 1

I will sing with you, my fam'ly; will you sing with me?
I will sing with you, my fam'ly; will you sing with me?
The notes won't always come out as I'd like,
but I will learn to see the log in my own eye.
God, I'll surrender. Bring us together, bring us together.

Verse 2

I will sing with you, my neighbor; will you sing with me?
I will sing with you, my neighbor; will you sing with me?
My words will be imperfect, but I'll try.
Bringing my assumptions to the light, I'll pray,
God, I'll surrender. Bring us together, bring us together.

Verse 3

I will sing with you, my rival; will you sing with me?
I will sing with you, my rival; will you sing with me?
Difference is a place where God is found.
In seeking peace, we're walking on to holy ground.
God, we surrender. Bring us together, bring us together.

Verse 4

We will sing our song together; sing in harmony.
We will sing our song together, whether two or three.
Jesus feels our pain; he sets us free.
The Spirit's given us this song of hope to sing:
God, we surrender. Bring us together, bring us together.

There Are Many Gifts, VT 374

Refrain:

There are many gifts, but the same Spirit.
There are many works, but the same God,
and the Spirit gives each as it chooses. Al-le-lu--ia, praise God!

Verse 1

Now one has the gift of wisdom, another the calling to speak,
one the ability to comfort, another the calling to teach.

Refrain:

There are many gifts, but the same Spirit.
There are many works, but the same God,
and the Spirit gives each as it chooses. Al-le-lu--ia, praise God!

Verse 2

A body has many members, yet all work in unity.
The church is the body of Christ,
his arms, ears and eyes, hands and feet.

Refrain

Verse 3

Not all are called to be prophets, and not all are called to preach,
but all should aim for the best gifts and love is the greatest of these.

Refrain

God Who Touches Earth with Beauty VT 550

Verse 1

God who touches earth with beauty, make my heart anew.
With your Spirit recreate me pure and strong and true.

Verse 2

Like your springs and running water, make me crystal pure.
Like your rocks of tow'ring grandeur, make me strong and sure.

Verse 3

Like your dancing waves in sunlight, make me glad and free.
Like the straightness of the pine trees, let me upright be.

Verse 4

Like the arching of the heavens, lift my thoughts above.
Turn my dreams to noble action, ministries of love.

Verse 5

God who touches earth with beauty, make my heart anew.
Keep me ever, by your Spirit, pure and strong and true.

Faith Community Nurse

Bethel's Church Council is excited to announce that Bethel will establish a **Faith Community Nurse (FCN)** position, sometimes called a Parish Nurse, for a one-year pilot project beginning January 17, 2021.

An FCN is a licensed nurse who is called and committed to the healing ministry of the church. This ministry is grounded in the tradition of the church "to preach the kingdom of God and to heal."(Luke 9: 2).

A Bethel member, will volunteer her skills and time. She is grateful for this opportunity to serve the congregation in this capacity and serving the Lord in her retirement. A dedication service will be held on Sunday, January 17.

- **Goal:** to augment the Caregiving Committee's role and be a resource to pastors in providing care to congregants with healthcare concerns;
- To promote emotional, physical, and spiritual health to all age groups in the congregation with special emphasis on elderly members;
- The Legacy Fund will cover the expenses;
- An Advisory Team of four people will provide guidance.

What does the FCN do? Care may include:

1. providing support through prayer and spiritual care;
2. encouraging and supporting those experiencing a health concern;
3. teaching and providing health education and health promotion programs;
4. health counseling (interpretation of medical terms and medical directives);
5. problem solving and providing assistance with navigating the health care system;
6. facilitating access to appropriate services e.g. Community resources or Homecare services;

7. providing support during a new diagnosis, end of life care or the grieving process;

The FCN does not provide hands-on nursing care such as dressing changes, medication set ups or pickups, driving to doctors' appointments, ongoing blood pressure or blood sugar monitoring. Referrals to Health Links, a family doctor or the hospital may still be necessary as symptoms warrant.

Appointments: please contact the church in regard to making an appointment.

Hours: The FCN will spend approximately **one day a week providing care**. She will contact congregants by phone, emails, Zoom or Skype. Once "COVID restrictions" are lifted, she may make home, hospital or Personal Care Home visits and in time she may hold "office hours" at Bethel.

We are thrilled that our Bethel member will volunteer and that as an FCN she will be a tremendous addition to caregiving at Bethel.

~ The Council Chair, on behalf of Church Council, Pastoral Team, and Caregiving Committee.