



DOUGLAS UCC
A JUST WORLD FOR ALL

Order of Service for Sunday, May 12, 2024

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Thank you for joining us today.

For Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Prayer List, [visit this week's E-Pistle here](#), where you can also subscribe to receive it by email, if you like.

***- stand if you wish to, and are comfortable.**

Congregational Responses in Bold

Ringing in the Hour & Lighting of Altar Candles

Welcome and Announcements

Introit *There is Room for All*

*There is room for all in the shadow of God's wing;
there is room for all sheltered in God's love.
And I rejoice and sing "My refuge and my rock in whom I trust."
There is room for all, there is room for all.*

Call to Worship *adapted from enfleshed.com*

Reader: Mark Johnston

One: This body of Christ is a holy collection of lives and stories.
Many: Braided into each other, the one is made of the many.

One: This body, God has woven together:
Many: That we may find our hope in each other.

One: That we may hold grief in community.
Many: That we may remember no life is disposable.

One: By the Spirit, we are made one body.
Many: Joined together, let us seek the flourishing of all.

Opening Hymn

God of the Women

(See music at the end of this document)

Unison Prayer

adapted from enfleshed.com

Creator of all, though you have shaped us as an ecosystem, we are surrounded by illusions of individualism. Resources are privatized. People suffer in isolation. Even joy is hoarded. May we be a community brave and vulnerable enough to live otherwise; that we may become so much more together than we could ever be alone. Today we remember especially those among us who are mothers, or who have been like mothers to us, nurturing us with love and a sense of safety. May we learn from their presence and bring love and safety into our communities. Amen.

Assurance of Grace and Peace

One: Peace be with you.

Many: ***And also with you.***

One: Let us offer one another a sign of Peace.

Passing the Peace

This is the Day

***This is the day, this is the day that our God has made,
that our God has made;***

We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.

This is the day that our God has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day, this is the day that our God has made.

Words of Integration & Guidance

Martin Luther King, Jr., black, American, Christian minister, activist, political philosopher, and civil rights leader

Here are five defining characteristics of the Beloved Community popularized by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. 1- Given our shared desire to be peaceful, happy, and safe, the Beloved Community described a practical, realistic, and achievable society. 2- In the Beloved Community, conflict still exists, but it is resolved peacefully, nonviolently, and without hostility, ill will, or resentment. 3- In the Beloved Community, we recognize the interdependent nature of all life, so we appreciate, recognize, and value the inherent worth of all people, animals, and ecosystems. 4- In the Beloved Community, kindness, compassion, and love for all life motivates our actions. We work cooperatively to peacefully end hunger, prejudice, poverty, homelessness, climate change, environmental destruction, factory farming, and violence and injustice of all kinds. 5- In the Beloved Community, the means we use to create change are just as kind and compassionate as the ends we seek. Our commitment to unconditional and all-inclusive kindness and goodwill allows the Beloved Community to become what Dr. King called "an engine of reconciliation."

Guided in Prayer

Intro to the The Scripture Lesson

Rev. Lillian Daniel

The Holy Scripture

One: The Holy Scripture according to **1 Corinthians 12:12-27**

All: Glory to you, O God.

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All: Praise to you, O God.

Homily

The Body of Christ

Rev. Lillian Daniel

Offering & Offertory

Make us One

(Twila Paris)

Jeff Spangler & Peter Black

Joys & Concerns/Tibetan Prayer Bell

One: Thanks be to God!

Many: *Alleluia!*

One: O God,

Many: *Hear our prayer.*

***Doxology**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God from whom all blessing flow,

Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God for all that Love has done,

Creator Christ and Spirit one! Creator, Christ, and Spirit one.

(Please be seated.)

Celebration of Holy Communion

One: God be with you.

Many: *And also with you.*

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: *We lift them up to God.*

One: Let us give thanks to God.

Many: *It is good to give God thanks & praise*

Service of Holy Communion

Communion Song

One Bread, One Body

*One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
One cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this One Lord.*

Sharing of the Bread & Cup

(grape juice only on both sides of the aisle)

Receive the Bread of Life. *Amen.*

The Cup of Love, the Drink of Compassion. *Amen.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

Creating God, always and everywhere, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

***Hymn of Sending**

*Many Are the Lightbeams
(New Century Hymnal, No. 163)*

***Benediction**

Postlude

*Great is the Lord
(arr: Michael W Smith)
Peter Black*

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God Of the Women

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

Opening Hymn
(To the tune of Be Now My Vision)

Saline 10.10.9.10



God of the wo - men who an - swered your call,
God of the wo - men who walked Je - sus' way,
God of the wo - men long put to the test,
God of the wo - men who ran from the tomb,



Trus - ing your pro - mi - ses, gi - ving their all,
Giv - ing their re - sourc - es, learn - ing to pray,
Left out of sto - ries, for - got - ten, op - pressed,
Prayed with the oth - ers in that up - per room,



Wo - men like Sa - rah and Han - nah and Ruth
Ma - ry Jo - ann - a, Su - san - na and more
Qui - et - ly ask - ing: "Who smiled at my birth
Then felt your Spi - rit on Pent - e - cost Day,



Give us their cou - rage to live in your truth.
May we give free - ly as they did be - fore.
In Je - sus' dy - ing you show us our worth.
May we so glad - ly pro - claim you to - day!

Many Are the Lightbeams

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Cyprian of Carthage, "De unitate ecclesiae," 252 C.E.
 Swedish paraphr. by Anders Frostenson (b. 1906)
 Transl. David Lewis, 1983

John 8:12; 9:5; 15:1-5; 1 Cor. 12:4-27; Gal. 3:28

Unison

1 Man - y are the light-beams from the one light. Our one
 2 Man - y are the branch-es of the one tree. Our one
 3 Man - y are the gifts given, love is all one. Love's the
 4 Man - y ways to serve God, the Spir - it is one; ser - vant
 5 Man - y are the mem - bers, the bod - y is one; mem - bers

light is Je - sus. Man - y are the light-beams
 tree is Je - sus. Man - y are the branch-es
 gift of Je - sus. Man - y are the gifts given,
 spir - it of Je - sus. Man - y ways to serve God, the
 all of Je - sus. Man - y are the mem - bers, the

from the one light; we are one in Christ.
 of the one tree; we are one in Christ.
 love is all one; we are one in Christ.
 Spir - it is one; we are one in Christ.
 bod - y is one; we are one in Christ.

The text upon which this hymn is based is by a bishop of the early church, Cyprian of Carthage. It was paraphrased from his 252 C.E. work, "De unitate ecclesiae" (Of church unity). He was martyred in C...

Tune: LIGHTBEAMS Irr.
 Olle Widstrand (b. 1906)
 Arr. Darryl Nixon, 1987

