



DOUGLAS UCC
A JUST WORLD FOR ALL

Order of Service for Sunday, April 3, 2022

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Thank you for joining us today.

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

Congressional Responses in Bold

Prelude *I Surrender All*, Peter Black
(Please use this time for quiet reflection and preparation for worship)

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of Altar Candles & Ringing in the Hour

Let us recognize the light of the world within us and ring in the hour of worship.

Introit *Take, O Take Me As I Am*

Take, O take me as I am.

Summon out what I shall be.

Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

Call to Worship

Psalm 126

Reader: Kathleen Mueller

One: When God restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

Many: Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.

One: Then it was said among the nations, "God has done great things for them."

Many: God has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

One: May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

Many: May those who go out weeping come home filled with laughter.

One: Restore our fortunes, O God, like those who dream.

Many: Fill our mouths with laughter and our tongues with shouts of joy. Amen.

***Opening Hymn,**

What Wondrous Love is This

(Black New Century Hymnal No.223)

(Find Music at the end of this program)

Unison Prayer

Loving God: You called us into being and created us to be in community. We thank you for our church, for this family of God. We are mindful, however, that our community of faith extends beyond walls and borders and into the whole world. You continue to call us to live in faithful community with people of other faith and wisdom traditions. Call us away from the ways of the world that separate us. Guide us instead in your way of love and justice, where we see each other as siblings, where we walk towards building up your kin-dom of heaven here on Earth. We ask this in all your many names. 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** *Send Your Spirit to Set Us Free*

Send your Spirit to set us free. Send your Spirit to set us free.

Fill our hearts and minds, loose the chains that bind.

Send your Spirit to set us free.

Words of Integration & Guidance

By Rev. Dawn Hutchings

When I was doing my hospital training, our supervisor told us about a little girl who was in need of a life-saving operation that would also require a blood transfusion. She had a rare blood type and only her brother could give her the blood she so desperately needed. So, the parents and the doctor explained the procedure to the little boy, and - after considering it for a few minutes - he agreed to give his sister his blood. After the blood was taken from him and transported to the operating room, the boy turned to his mother and asked, "So when do I die?" It was only then that they realized that the little boy thought that by giving blood to his sister he would actually be giving up his own life, and he was actually willing to do just that! A little boy was willing to give up his life so that his sister would survive a difficult ordeal. As people of faith, we, too, are called to give as extravagantly and not count the cost. We are called to follow the path to the cross, so that we can be "little christs" to one another, which is what the word "Christian" means. Christ comes to those in need through you and through me. We are called to give and not count the cost. We are called to be extravagant in our loving. So, love wastefully and be as extravagant as you can be!

Something New

The Words of Holy Scripture

One: A Reading of Scripture from Isaiah 43:16-21

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

Many: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Lesson

One: The Holy Gospel according to John 12:1-8

Many: Glory to you, O Christ.

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

Many: Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily

"Loving Wastefully,"

Rev. Salvatore Sapienza

Offering & Offertory *I Send My Love*

Nancy Plantinga

Composers: Joyce Ripp and Karen Drucker

Extravagant Love

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 blessings 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.

***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

***Creation's Praise** (Isaiah 6:3)

Holy holy holy, Lord, God of Hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of Thee.

Heaven and earth are praising Thee.

O Lord most high.

(Please be seated)

Sharing of the Bread & Cup

Receive the Bread of Life. **Amen.**

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

Always and Everywhere

***The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Mother/Father, always and everywhere, 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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.**

***Hymn of Sending**

Said Judas to Mary

(Black New Century Hymnal No.210)

(Find Music at the End of this Program)

***Benediction**

Postlude, *Rock of Ages*, Peter Black

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What Wondrous Love Is This

John 19:17; Rev. 5:13

19th century, United States; alt.
First published in Mercer's Cluster, 1836

1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul! O my soul! What
2 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, to
3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is
God and to the Lamb, I will sing; To God and to the
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on! And when from death I'm

this! that Christ should come in bliss to bear the heav-y cross for my
Lamb who is the great I Am, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
free, I'll sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to bear the heav-y cross for my soul!
sing, I will sing; while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on!

This anonymous folk hymn, with its modal (dorian) tune, has

Tune: WONDROUS LOVE 12.9.12.12.9.

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Said Judas to Mary

John 12:1-8

Sydney Carter, 1964; alt.

1 Said Ju - das to Mar - y, "Now
2 "O Mar - y, O Mar - y, O
3 "To - mor-row, to - mor-row, I'll
4 Said Je - sus to Mar - y, "Your

what will you do with your oint-ment so rich and so rare?" "I'll
think of the poor. This oint-ment, it could have been sold; And
think of the poor; to - mor-row," she said, "not to - day; For
love is so deep, to - day you may do as you will. To -

pour it all o - ver the feet of the Christ, and I'll wipe it a - way with my
think of the blan-kets and think of the bread you could buy with the sil - ver and
dear-er than all of the poor in the world is my love who is go - ing a -
mor-row, you say, I am go - ing a - way, but my bod - y I leave with you

Sydney Carter has enjoyed a varied career as a schoolteacher

Tune: JUDAS AND MARY II

5 "The poor of the world are my bod-y,"
 he said,
 "to the end of the world they shall be.
 The bread and the blan-kets you give
 to the poor
 you will know you have giv-en to me."
 he said,
 "you'll know you have giv-en to me."

6 "My bod-y will hang on the cross
 of the world
 to-mor-row," he said, "not to-day
 And Mar-tha and Mar-y will find m
 a-gain
 and wash all my sor-row a-way,"
 he said,
 "and wash all my sor-row a-way."