



DOUGLAS UCC
A JUST WORLD FOR ALL

Order of Service for Sunday, April 7, 2024

Second Sunday of Easter

Thank you for joining us today.

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

Congregational Responses in Bold

Prelude *Morgenstimmung*
Peter Black
(Op 46 from Peer Gynt Suite)

Welcome and 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 (please stand)

Alleluia, the great storm is over, lift up your wings and fly.
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(repeat after verse)

Call to Worship

Reader: Kathleen Mueller

Adapted from 1Corinthians 12:4-13

One: Gathered in this place,

All: We are the body of Christ

One: The hands and feet

All: The eyes and ears

One: The heart and lungs

All: Parts of the whole

One: Participating in the miraculous body

All: Together we are a body that worships

One: A body that sings

All: A body that works

One: A body that rests

All: A body that rejoices in the wonder of serving and loving God together.

One: We are the body of Christ

All: Gathered in this place. Thanks be to God!

Opening Hymn

We Are Many Parts

(Green Gather Hymnal #733)

(See music at the end of this document)

Unison Prayer

Loving God, You called us into being and created us to be in community. We thank You for our church, for our siblings, this family of God. We are mindful that our community of faith extends beyond these walls and borders and into the whole world. You continue to call us to live in faithful community with others. Call us away from the ways of the world that separate and dehumanize us. Guide us instead into Your way of love and justice, where we see each other as siblings, where we are called to live in communion with each other. May we continually walk toward building up Your kingdom of heaven on earth. We ask this in Jesus' name. 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

Rachel Held Evans

On the highest hill in Bolivia stands the “Cristo de la Concordia,” the second largest statue of Jesus in the world. At 112 feet tall, this steel and concrete “Christ of Peace” towers over the city with arms outstretched, tiny windows dotting his hollow body so that tourists inside can peer out into the world. I must confess however that I have always been a bit weirded out by giant renderings of Jesus. The radical rabbi from Nazareth spoke so often of humble obedience and quiet service, that pomp and grandeur don’t seem like his style. This statue seemed so removed from the people below, looming over a city where hunger, abuse, poverty, and despair hide in the shadowy corners. Then I suddenly remembered a favorite poem from St. Teresa of Avila: ***Christ has no body but yours; No hands, no feet on earth but yours; Yours are the eyes with which he looks Compassion on this world; Yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world; Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body. Christ has no body now but yours; no hands, no feet on earth but yours; Yours are the eyes with which he looks Compassion on this world; Christ has no body now on earth but yours.*** A statue cannot be Christ in this world because a statue cannot be animated by the Holy Spirit. But people can. His church can. We, his people and his church can be Christ in this world.

Marks of Faith

The Words of Holy Scripture

One: A Reading of Scripture from **Luke 17: 20-21**

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

All: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Lesson

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

All: *Glory to you, O Christ.*

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

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily *Our Messy and Marvelous Church*
Mark Johnston

Offering *Offertory Meditation*
& Offertory **Peter Black**

Joys & Concerns/Tibetan Prayer Bell

One: Thanks be to God!

Many: *Alleluia!*

One: O God,

Many: *Hear our prayer.*

***Doxology** *Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks*

Alleluia, alleluia give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia give praise to our God.

Spread the good news o'er all the earth, Jesus has died and is risen.

Alleluia, alleluia give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia give praise to our God.

***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**

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy, God ruler almighty;

Heav'n and earth are full of your glory; Glory be to you O God.

Blessed is the One who comes, who comes in the name of God.

Hosanna, Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

(please be seated)

Breaking of the Bread *Let Us Be Bread*

*Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord,
broken and shared, life for the world.
Let us be wine, love freely poured,
let us be one with the 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**

Aramaic translation

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**

Jesus Christ is Risen Today
(Green Gather Hymnal #422)

Benediction

Postlude

Christ Arose
Peter Black

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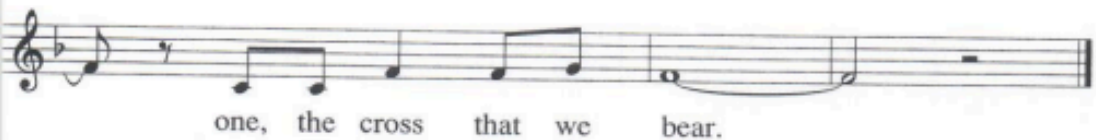
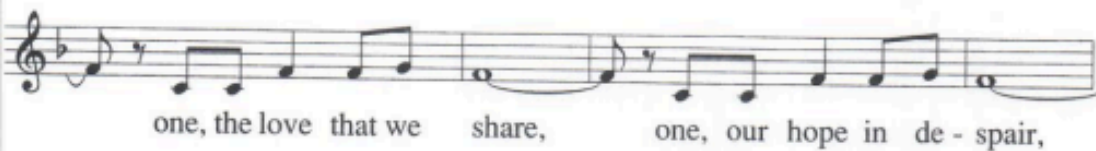
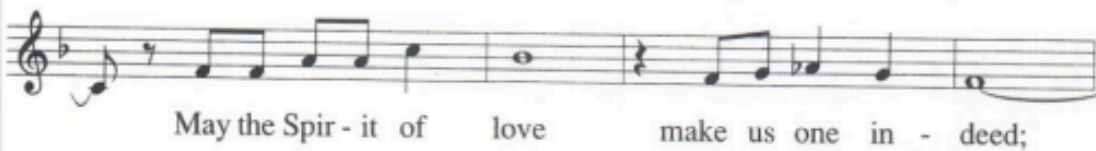
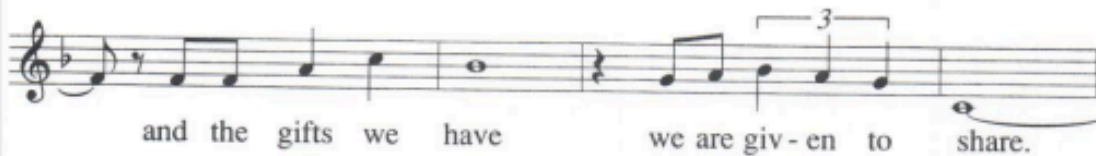
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733 We Are Many Parts

Refrain



Verses



1. God of all, we look to you, we would be your
2. So my pain is pain for you, in your joy is
3. All you seek - ers, great and small, seek the great - est



ser - vants true, let us be your love to all the world.
 my joy, too; all is brought to - geth - er in the Lord.
 gift of all; if you love, then you will know the Lord.

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today 422



1. Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3. But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4. Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise him, now his might con - fess, Al - le - lu - ia!



Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it blest. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: St. 1, *Surrexit Christus hodie*, Latin, 14th C.; para. in *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; st. 2, 3, *The Compleat Psalmist*, c.1750, alt.; st. 4, Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

Tune: EASTER HYMN, 77 77 with alleluias, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

