



DOUGLAS UCC
A JUST WORLD FOR ALL

Order of Service for Sunday, August 13, 2023

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Thank you for joining us today.

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

Congressional Responses in Bold

Prelude *'Til the Storm Passes By (Mosie Lister)*

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 (please stand) *No Matter*

*No matter who, no matter what, no matter where
you are in the journey of life,
you're welcome, welcome in this place.*

*No matter who, no matter what, no matter where
you are on the journey of life, accepted, welcomed by God's grace.*

(repeat after verse)

Call to Worship

Psalm 107

Reader: Dan Mack

One: Some went down to the sea in ships, doing business on the mighty waters.

Many: They saw the deeds of God's wondrous works in the deep.

One: For God commanded and raised the stormy wind, which lifted the waves of the sea.

Many: They went down to the depths; their courage melted in their calamity.

One: Then they cried to God in their trouble, and God brought them out from their distress;

Many: God made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed.

One: Then they were glad because they had quiet,

Many: And God brought them to their desired haven.

One: O give thanks to God, for God is good;

Many: For God's steadfast love endures forever. Amen.

***Opening Hymn,**

Joys Are Flowing Like a River

(Black New Century Hymnal No.284)

(Find Music at the end of this program)

Unison Prayer

Loving God, Jesus told us to "fear not, for it is God's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." Today, I fear not, for it is Your good pleasure to give me the kingdom of prosperity. Every need of my life is met, every true desire of my heart is fulfilled. Today, I fear not, for it is Your good pleasure to give me the kingdom of spiritual fulfillment. My soul is satisfied, and I am renewed in spirit. Today, I fear not, for it is Your good pleasure to give me the kingdom of rest and peace. My mind is stilled, my nerves are soothed, I rest and relax in Your peace. Thank you, O God. 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

The Peace of Christ is Yours

Reach out your hands, accept the gift.

Reach out your hands, accept the gift.

*Reach out your hands, embrace the gift,
the Peace of Christ is yours!*

And it is free, free, free.

And it is free, free, free.

And it is free, free, free.

The Peace of Christ is Yours!

Words of Integration & Guidance

from the book, *A Return to Love* by Marianne Williamson

We're hallucinating. And that's what this world is: a mass hallucination, where fear seems more real than love. Fear is an illusion. Our craziness, paranoia, anxiety, and trauma are literally all imagined. You may believe that you are responsible for what you do, but not for what you think. The truth is that you are responsible for what you think, because it is only at this level that you can exercise choice. What you do comes from what you think. Thought is Cause; experience is Effect. If you don't like the effects in your life, you have to change the nature of your thinking. You can choose thoughts of love or thoughts of fear. Love is what we are born with. Fear is what we learn. The spiritual journey is the unlearning of fear and prejudices and the acceptance of love back in our hearts. Love is the essential reality and our purpose on earth. To be consciously aware of it, to experience love in ourselves and others, is the meaning of life. Meaning does not lie in things. Meaning lies in us. In the absence of love, we began slowly but surely to fall apart. When we attach value to things that aren't love—the money, the car, the house, the prestige—we are loving things that can't love us back. We are searching for meaning in the meaningless.

When All Seems Lost

The Words of Holy Scripture

One: A Reading of Scripture from Psalm 85:8-13

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

Many: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Lesson

One: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 14:22-33

Many: Glory to you, O Christ.

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

Many: Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily

"Fear-Less Living," Rev. Salvatore Sapienza

Offering & Offertory *Peace Be Still*

Jeff Spangler and Peter Black

Composers: Mia Fieldes, Andrew Holt, and Hope Darst

Joys & Concerns/Tibetan Prayer Bell

One: Thanks be to God!

Many: Alleluia!

One: O God,

Many: Hear our prayer.

***Doxology** *Give Thanks to the Lord*

***Give thanks to the Lord for God is good
and God's mercy will endure.***

***For God alone has done marv'lous things,
give thanks unto the Lord.***

***God made the earth and heaven
with a strong and mighty hand.***

God has moved us to sing, proclaim the song!

Give thanks unto 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 of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, are full, of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes, who comes, in God's name.
Hosanna in the highest.*

(Please be seated)

Breaking of the Bread *There is Room for All*

*There is room for all in the shadow of God's wing;
there is room for all at the table of God's love.
And I exalt and sing "We do this in remembrance of you."
There is room for all, there is room for all.*

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.*

***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.*

***Hymn of Sending**

Jesus Savior, Pilot Me

(Black New Century Hymnal No.441)

(Find Music at the end of this program)

Benediction

Postlude

Put Your Hand in the Hand (Gene MacLellan)

Peter Black

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Joys Are Flowing like a River

(Blessed Quietness)

Matt. 8:26; John 14:16; Ps. 46:4

Manie Payne Ferguson (b. 1850); alt.

1 Joys are flow-ing like a riv - er, since the Com - fort - er has
 2 Bring-ing life and health and glad-ness all a - round, this heav-en-ly
 3 Like the rain that falls from heav-en, like the sun - light from the
 4 See, a fruit-ful field is grow-ing, bless-ed fruit of righ - teous -
 5 What a won - der - ful sal - va - tion, when we al - ways see Christ's

come; Christ a - bides with us for - ev - er, makes the
 Guest Ban-ished un - be - lief and sad - ness, changed our
 sky, So the Spir - it too is giv - en, com - ing
 ness; And the streams of life are flow - ing in the
 face, What a per - fect hab - i - ta - tion, what a

Refrain

trust - ing heart a home.
 wea - ri - ness to rest.
 on us from on high. Bless-ed qui - et-ness, ho - ly
 lone - ly wil - der - ness.
 qui - et rest - ing place.

qui - et-ness, what as - sur - ance in my soul. On the

storm-y sea, Je-sus speaks to me, and the bil-lows cease to roll.

Manie Payne Ferguson, born in Ireland, was married to a Wesleyan evangelist who established several missions on England's west coast. Ferguson's hymns were published in Echoes from Beulah.

Tune: BLESSED QUIETNESS 8.7.8.7. with refrain
W. S. Marshall
Arr. J. Jefferson Cleveland

Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me

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Edward Hopper, 1871; alt.

Mark 4:35-41

1 Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me o - ver life's tem-pes-tuous sea;
2 As a moth - er stills her child, you can hush the o - cean wild;
3 When at last I near the shore, and the fear - ful break-ers roar,

Un - known waves be - fore me roll, hid - ing rock and treach-erous shoal;
Bois-terous waves o - bey your will when you say to them, "Be still."
Keep-ing me from peace-ful rest, then, while lean-ing on your breast,

Chart and com - pass ev - er be; Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.
Won-drous Sov - ereign of the sea, Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.
May I hear your words so true, "Fear not, I will pi - lot you."