



DOUGLAS UCC
A JUST WORLD FOR ALL

Order of Service for Sunday, August 14, 2022

Tenth 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 *Hallelujah*

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) *Surely the Presence*

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,

I can feel God's mighty power and God's grace.

I can feel the brush of angel wings, I see glory on each face.

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

Call to Worship

Psalm 80

Reader: Dan Mack

One: Give ear, O Shepherd, you who lead the flock.

Many: Stir up your power within us.

One: You brought a vine out of Egypt and planted it.

Many: You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land.

One: Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven, and see;

Many: Have regard for this vine, O God, the stock that your right hand planted.

One: Give us life, O God. We will call upon your name.

Many: Restore us, O God of hosts, and let your face shine upon us. Amen.

***Opening Hymn,**

God, Whose Purpose is to Kindle

(Green Gather Hymnal No.714)

(Find Music at the end of this program)

Unison Prayer

Loving God: Jesus said, "*Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.*" In this time of great division and discord in our country and in our world, help us to remember that each of us has the potential to be a peacemaker – to live as the children of God we were created to be. Help us to envision all people as you see them. Help us to dedicate ourselves to becoming instruments of peace in our world. Seeing past the things that divide us, we strive towards creating a world that works for everyone, thereby bringing about your Kingdom of Heaven here on Earth. 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 *Spirit, Fill Me*

**Spirit come and fill me, fill me with your peace, fill me with your joy and your love.
Spirit come and show me, show me how to care, show me how to share your light.
Help me give my hand to those in need, let my heart be open to receive.
When we share your love we can work together to heal this broken world.
Spirit come and fill us, fill us with your peace, fill us with your joy and your love.
Spirit come and show us, show us how to care, show us how to share your light.**

Words of Integration & Guidance

Rev. William Bausch

In today's Gospel, Jesus says, "Do you think I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division, so that even families will be divided among themselves." Strange words from the Prince of Peace! The fact is, the title "Prince of Peace" never implied that Jesus was harmless. The fact is truth-telling peace would always come at a price, because it would mean we have to give up our habitual participation in the conspiracy of silences we maintain, silences we justify by saying, "Well, we want to keep the peace. We don't want to cause division. We don't want to rock the boat." But, for example, somewhere along the line the family has to stop pretending that Mom's drinking is not really a problem; the community has to stop pretending that it doesn't harbor racism; and the nation has to stop pretending that its economy is not based on the oppression of certain groups. The fact is, we are known as much for our silences as for our actions, for our efforts at peace as well as for the truth that divides and challenges. As an old proverb goes, "The candle says to the darkness, 'I beg to differ.'" Our Christian lives should be a candle – "Let your light shine in the darkness," Jesus said – and if the darkness is offended, so be it. Setting the earth on fire is a skill Christians have to acquire.

Restore Us

The Words of Holy Scripture

One: A Reading of Scripture from Jeremiah 23:23-29

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

Many: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Lesson

One: The Holy Gospel according to Luke 12:49-56

Many: Glory to you, O Christ.

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

Many: Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily "Vision and Di-Vision" **Rev. Salvatore Sapienza**

Offering & Offertory *Bridge Over Troubled Water*
Stan Greene and Peter Black
Composer: Paul Simon

Peace is a Process

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.

***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 Lord God of Hosts.

Heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory.

Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who comes,

who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna! Hosanna! 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.
Amen.**

***Hymn of Sending** *No Longer Strangers*
(Green Gather Hymnal No.734)
(Find music at the end of this program)

Benediction

Postlude *Peace in the Valley*
Peter Black

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God, Whose Purpose Is to Kindle 714



1. God, whose pur - pose is to kin - dle: Now ig - nite us
 2. God, who in your ho - ly gos - pel Wills that all should
 3. God, who still a sword de - liv - ers Rath - er than a



with your fire; While the earth a - waits your burn - ing,
 tru - ly live, Make us sense our share of fail - ure,
 plac - id peace, With your sharp - ened word dis - turb us,



With your pas - sion us in - spire. O - ver - come our
 Our tran - quil - li - ty for - give. Teach us cour - age
 From com - pla - cen - cy re - lease! Save us now from



sin - ful calm - ness, Stir us with your sav - ing name;
 as we strug - gle In all lib - er - at - ing strife;
 sat - is - fac - tion, When we pri - vate - ly are free,



Bap - tize with your fi - ery Spir - it,
 Lift the small - ness of our vi - sion
 Yet are un - dis - turbed in spir - it



Crown our lives with tongues of flame.
 By your own a - bun - dant life.
 By our neigh - bor's mis - er - y.

No Longer Strangers 734

Verses



1. We once were lost;
 2. We once were cut off;
 3. We who once were dead,
 now we



hope, with - out God; but now in Christ
 we are brought near, for Christ is our
 live in the light, we fol - low Christ



Je - sus, we have been found!
 peace, we were bro - ken, now whole!
 Je - sus, a - bun - dant in grace! One
 Who



Saved by the prom - ise of God!
 spir - it, one Bod - y of Christ!
 saved us, who raised us to life!

Refrain



No long - er stran-gers, no long-er lost and a - lone!



No long - er stran-gers, now we are saints! We are



one in the house of God!