



DOUGLAS UCC
A JUST WORLD FOR ALL

Order of Service for Sunday, August 21, 2022

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 *Give Me Jesus*

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 103

Reader: Lynne Snyder

One: Bless God, O my soul, and all that is within me.

Many: Bless, God, O my soul. Bless God's holy name.

One: Bless God, O my soul, and do not forget all God's benefits.

Many: Bless God who forgives all iniquities and heals all diseases.

One: Bless God who crowns us with steadfast love and mercy.

Many: Bless God who satisfies us with good for as long as we shall live.

One: Bless God who works justice for all who are oppressed.

Many: Bless God who is merciful, gracious, and abounding in steadfast love.

One: Bless God, O my soul, and all that is within me.

Many: Bless, God, O my soul. Bless God's holy name. Amen.

***Opening Hymn,**

You Are Mine

(Green Gather Hymnal No.649)

(Find Music at the end of this program)

Unison Prayer

Loving God: Jesus said, *“Come to me, you who are burdened, and I will give you rest.”* Help us to remember that life’s burdens can be transformed by connecting with the Christ Presence within us. This Presence and Power can free us from all the things which weigh us down. Help us to remember that our burdens are lightened when we release them to Christ Light. As we walk in this Light, we lighten the loads we carry. In touch with this Presence, we are loosed, lifted, and freed from every burden we carry. And, for that, we say, *“Thank You.”* 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. Suzelle Lynch

The Bent-Over Woman in today's Gospel story is a fascinating character. She's stuck, unable to stand up or straighten her back -- until one day when Jesus is teaching in a synagogue, he notices her and with a few words and the touch of his hands, she is healed. So who is that Bent-Over Woman? The Bible doesn't give her a name. She's simply known by her unusual appearance, and the fact that she's been bent over for eighteen years. What burden weighs her down? The story doesn't tell us that either, saying only that her spine was bent by "a spirit of infirmity." Some (who believe that the stories in the Bible are literally true) have speculated that she may have had terrible scoliosis, but the Bible doesn't say that the woman has a physical illness. The "spirit of infirmity" she has could just as easily be translated as something like clinical depression -- the deep, gray feeling that our life has lost its meaning, and there's nothing that can be done to change it. For many people, depression feels like carrying a terribly heavy weight with no way of putting it down. Or, what if the "spirit of infirmity" that was bending this woman over was the struggle to take care of herself and her family? What if she, like so many in today's economy, had lost her livelihood -- what if she was like someone who can only find a minimum-wage job and is bent over from struggling to pay her bills, or from the stress of having to decide whether she'd pay her rent or buy food? There are so many things that bend us over. What is the weight you carry? What is it that bends your back, burdens you, grinds you down? What are the questions or worries or self-doubts that keep you awake at night -- that make you lose hope? Each Sunday, when we share Joys and Concerns, we light that final candle -- the one for all of us -- because we know that every human life carries its joys and its burdens. Remember, however, that the Bent-Over woman experiences healing, and so can we.

Healing Reign

The Words of Holy Scripture

One: A Reading of Scripture from Jeremiah 1:4-10

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 13:10-17

Many: **Glory to you, O Christ.**

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

Many: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Homily “Loosed & Lifted” **Rev. Salvatore Sapienza**

Offering & Offertory

Healing Rain

Jeff Spangler and Peter Black

Composers: Martin Smith / Matthew Bronleewe /

Michael Smith

Loosed & Lifted

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** *The Lord is My Shepherd*
(Green Gather Hymnal No.643)
(Find music at the end of this program)

Benediction


Postlude *O Happy Day*
Peter Black

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<https://www.youtube.com/douglasucc>
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You Are Mine 649


Verses



1. I will come to you in the si - lence,
 2. I am hope for all who are hope-less,
 3. I am strength for all the des - pair-ing,
 4. am the Word that leads all to free-dom, I



I will lift you from all your fear.
 I am eyes for all who long to see. In the
 heal - ing for the ones who dwell in shame.
 am the peace the world can - not give.




You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice, be
 shad - ows of the night, I will be your light,
 All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and
 I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain, stand




still and know I am here. (To verse 2)
 come and rest in me. (To refrain)
 all will know my name. (To refrain)
 up, now walk, and live! (To refrain)


Refrain



Do not be a - fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by



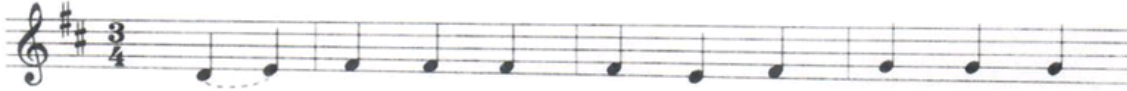
name. Come and fol - low me, I will bring you home; I



love you and you are mine. D.C.

The Lord Is My Shepherd 643

Verses



1. The Lord is my shep-herd, my shield and my
 2. If I walk in the val - ley of dark - ness, the
 3. Sure - ly good - ness and kind - ness will al - ways pur -
 4. The Lord is my shep-herd, green pas - tures, cool



strong-hold, de - fend - ing me sound - ly, re - deem - ing my shame.
 shad - ow of death, then no fear will I have, you are there
 sue me. My ta - ble is full now; my cup o - ver - flows.
 wa - ter; He ten - ders me al - ways, love ev - er the same.



He will an - swer my call 'til the fall of the
 with your staff and your rod, O my God, give me
 While my head is a - noint - ed the time is ap -
 He will an - swer my call 'til the fall of the

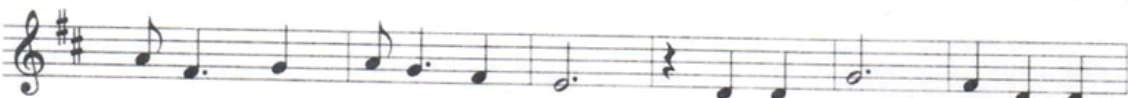


moun - tains, the fall of the cit - ies; he's true to his name.
 com - fort, O God give me com - fort, as al - ways you have.
 point - ed; for - ev - er I live in the house of the Lord.
 moun - tains, the fall of the cit - ies; he's true to his name.

Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, the Lord is my



shep-herd and ev - er the same. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



lu - ia, the Lord is my shep-herd; he's true to his name.