



DOUGLAS UCC
A JUST WORLD FOR ALL

Order of Service for Sunday, August 28, 2022

Twelvth 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 *Love Lifted Me*

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

Reader: Julie Ridl

One: Hospitable God, you have offered us a place at the table.

Many: You have invited us to a banquet to share in your abundance.

One: You have called us to make a place at the table for the outcast and oppressed.

Many: You have called us to share with them without expectation of being repaid.

One: Let us share your abundance without fear of scarcity;

Many: Let us greet strangers as angels you have sent.

One: Let us welcome others with radical hospitality expecting nothing in return.

Many: Send your Spirit now, O God, so that all may find a place at the table.

Amen.

***Opening Hymn,**

Come to the Water

(Green Gather Hymnal No.502)

(Find Music at the end of this program)

Unison Prayer

Loving God, whatever I do this day, wherever I go, whatever decisions I make, I do so expecting only blessings of joy, guidance, and success. Today and every day, I stand open and receptive to the good I desire in my life, because I know that You, O God, are the Source of my supply, and that all my needs are met on time and in full. My part is to put my abilities and efforts into action and to expect and accept the good they bring to me. If I am prone to worry or to feel that my efforts are not bringing forth desired results, help me, O God, to rise above this kind of thinking by holding steady to my faith in You, knowing that Your good is at work in me and in my life. Help me to maintain an eager, receptive spirit in my mind and heart, and to expect and accept only good in every area of my life. 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

By Mary Ann Brussat

As we struggle to live a spiritual life in harmony with others, it's comforting to know that those who have gone before us faced some of the same challenges. The Christian Desert Fathers and Mothers, who lived as hermits in Egypt and the Middle East in the third to fifth centuries, developed an everyday spirituality that can teach us about patience, humility, inner peace, and hospitality. Known as the abbas and the ammas, they were often visited by spiritual seekers who asked them for "a word." In one instance, Abba Nilus advised: *"Do not be always wanting everything to turn out as you think it should, but rather as God pleases, then you will be undisturbed and thankful in your prayer."* This advice not only applies to prayer but to all of our attempts to have things go as we expect them to. Expectations can be a big stumbling block for us, both personally and communally. When we participate in some activity, we often have big expectations about what will happen, how we will feel, and what the end result will be. When all does not go as expected, we are disappointed. Advertisements tell us how we should look, how much money we should earn, what things we should have, and how things should unfold in our lives if we are good people. As we internalize these expectations, we wreck havoc on ourselves. The Desert Fathers and Mothers recommend a different approach. We need to recognize that we are not in charge, and we cannot control what others do. Let things be as God pleases, and we will be undisturbed. Let your models be Jesus and other spiritual teachers who confound all our ideas about who they will be and who stay open to grace-filled surprises.

Open Table

The Words of Holy Scripture

One: A Reading of Scripture from Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

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 14:1, 7-14

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

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

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

Homily "Unconditional Love" **Rev. Salvatore Sapienza**

Offering & Offertory *God of the Poor*
Jeff Spangler and Peter Black
Composers: Graham Kendrick

Unconditional 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 blessing flow. Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God for all that love has done. Creator, Christ, and Spirit one!

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***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** *We Are Many Parts*
(Green Gather Hymnal No.733)
(Find music at the end of this program)

Benediction

Postlude *Put a Little Love in Your Heart*
Peter Black

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Come to the Water 502



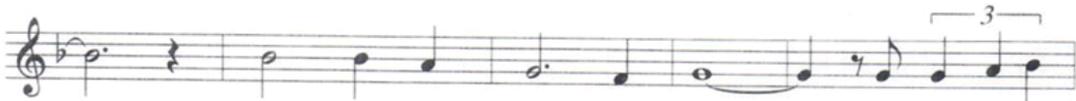
1. O let all who thirst, let them come to the
 2. And let all who seek, let them come to the
 3. And let all who toil, let them come to the
 4. And let all the poor, let them come to the



wa-ter. And let all who have noth-ing, let them
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 wa-ter. And let all who are wea-ry, let them
 wa-ter. Bring the ones who are lad-en, bring them



come to the Lord: With-out mon-ey, with-out price.
 come to the Lord: With-out mon-ey, with-out strife.
 come to the Lord: All who la-lor, with-out rest.
 all to the Lord: Bring the chil-dren with-out might.



Why should you pay the price, ex-cept for the
 Why should you spend your life, ex-cept for the
 How can your soul find rest, ex-cept for the
 Eas - y the load and light: 7 come to the



Lord?
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 Lord.

733 We Are Many Parts

Refrain

The Refrain is written in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of five lines of music. The lyrics are: "We are man - y parts, we are all one bod - y, and the gifts we have we are giv - en to share. May the Spir - it of love make us one in - deed; one, the love that we share, one, our hope in de - spair, one, the cross that we bear." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a triplet of eighth notes on the word "share" in the second line.

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Verses

The Verses are written in G major, 4/4 time. They consist of two lines of music. The lyrics are: "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." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a double bar line at the end of the second line.

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