



DOUGLAS UCC
A JUST WORLD FOR ALL

Order of Service for Sunday, August 7, 2022

Ninth 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 *Blest Are They*
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 33

Reader: Rev. Fred Hamlin

One: Happy are the people whom God has chosen as God's own heritage.

Many: God watches all the inhabitants of the earth and fashions the hearts of them all.

One: Truly the eye of God is on those who hope in God's steadfast love.

Many: Our soul waits for God, who is our help and our shield.

One: Our heart is glad in God, because we trust in God's holy name.

Many: Let your steadfast love, O God, be upon us, even as we hope in you. Amen.

***Opening Hymn,**

Morning Hymn

(Green Gather Hymnal No. 2)

(Find Music at the end of this program)

Unison Prayer

Still-Speaking God, we know that “home” it is not limited to an external place. Home can be found in our hearts. We are “at home” when we turn our thoughts to your dwelling place within us. There, in the “secret dwelling place of the Most High,” we experience a welcome home as we make a conscious connection with Your Spirit within us. Centered in the awareness of our Oneness with You, we feel safe and at peace. Our search for home may lead us down many paths including religion, spiritual study, and meditation practices. These experiences teach us that home is the awareness that wherever we are, You are. In Your Presence, we find home. 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. Thomas Shepherd

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus says, "It is God's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." What is the kingdom? It's not a physical place, but rather a dimension of consciousness. On a metaphysical level, we might understand the kingdom of God to be, in a sense, the source of the Source. It is the place of absolute Truth, absolute Love, and absolute Power from which everything else expresses. The kingdom of heaven is a dimension of consciousness that represents the next step in our own collective and individual spiritual unfoldment. It is, Jesus assures us, within us—and it is at hand. It exists as our own potential. As we recognize, embrace, and express the Christ Presence of God that is our true identity, our faith, and the choices that emerge from that faith, create a world that more perfectly expresses spiritual Truth. As we stop believing in and choosing from thoughts of fear and negative feelings, we experience the kingdom of heaven in ourselves and share it with others. This possibility is "at hand"—it does not happen after death, and it is not a pre-existing place to which we must find our way. It is the true potential of each of our lives. Jesus achieved a full realization of the kingdom of heaven in his own mortal life—and even the challenges and pain of his final days could not shake him from its state of perfect Oneness and perfect Peace. He calls us to do the same—to express our own Christ energy so that we, too, can experience the kingdom—and by sharing it, make it our full and complete experience here on Earth.

Living Into the Promise

The Words of Holy Scripture

One: A Reading of Scripture from Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-12

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 12:32-40

Many: Glory to you, O Christ.

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

Many: Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily "Keys to the Kingdom" **Rev. Salvatore Sapienza**

Offering & Offertory

Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly

Jeff Spangler and Peter Black

Composers: Chris Tomlin, Pat Barrett, and Jason Ingram

Kingdom Consciousness

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** *Bring Forth the Kingdom*
(Green Gather Hymnal No. 658)
(Find music at the end of this program)

Benediction

Postlude *Rejoice, the Lord is King*
Peter Black

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2 MORNING HYMN



1. Sing your joy, pro - claim God's glo - ry!
 2. All the earth is filled with re - joic - ing,
 3. May we learn to be - come your King - dom.
 4. Light our way, O God of the liv - ing,



Rise and sing, the morn - ing has come!
 Light and life the won - der of God!
 May we be your kind - ness and truth!
 May we learn to see with new eyes!



Bless our God and praise all cre - a - tion;
 Christ has tri - umphed! Ris - en for ev - er!
 Love is our call - ing, gift of your pres - ence;
 Je - sus the Lord, our pow - er and prom - ise;



Song of the earth, and light from heav - en:
 Joy of our hearts, and hope of our dream - ing:
 Chil - dren of God, and spir - it of Je - sus:
 Light for the blind, and food for the hun - gry:



God is a - live! Al - le - lu - ia!
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Bring Forth the Kingdom 658

Verses



1. You are salt for the earth, O peo - ple:
 2. You are a light on the hill, O peo - ple:
 3. You are a seed of the Word, O peo - ple:
 4. We are a blest and a pil - grim peo - ple:



Salt for the King - dom of God! Share the fla - vor of
 Light for the Cit - y of God! Shine so ho - ly and
 Bring forth the King - dom of God! Seeds of mer - cy and
 Bound for the King - dom of God! Love our jour - ney and



life, O peo - ple: Life in the King - dom of God!
 bright, O peo - ple: Shine for the King - dom of God!
 seeds of jus - tice, Grow in the King - dom of God!
 love our home - land: Love is the King - dom of God!

Refrain



Bring forth the King - dom of mer - cy, Bring forth the



King - dom of peace; Bring forth the King - dom of jus - tice,



Bring forth the Cit - y of God!