



**DOUGLAS UCC**  
A JUST WORLD FOR ALL

**Order of Service for Sunday, February 13, 2022**

**Sixth Sunday after Epiphany  
Surprising Teaching**

**Thank you for joining us today.**

For Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Prayer List, [visit this week's E-Pistle here](#), where you can also subscribe to receive it by email, if you like.

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

**Congressional Responses in Bold**

**Prelude**     *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian, 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**     *Arise, Shine*

*Arise, shine for your light has come!*

*And the glory of our God has risen upon you like the sun!*

*Lift your eyes, look around, rejoice! Lift your eyes, look around, rejoice!*

## **Call to Worship**

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**Reader: Chris Clark**

One: Pray for those who are hungry.

**Many: *Pray harder for those who will not feed them.***

One: Pray for those who struggle each week to pay their bills.

**Many: *Pray harder for the wealthy who do not care.***

One: Pray for those who are homeless.

**Many: *Pray harder for those who deny them shelter.***

One: Pray for the sick and lonely.

**Many: *Pray harder for those who will not give them comfort.***

One: Pray for those who cry out for dignity.

**Many: *Pray harder for those who will not listen.***

One: Pray for those oppressed by unjust wages.

**Many: *Pray harder for those who exploit them.***

One: Pray for those who bear the yoke of prejudice.

**Many: *Pray harder for those who discriminate against them.***

One: Pray for those whose basic needs are denied.

**Many: *Pray harder for public officials who cater to the greedy and ignore those bound***

### **\*Opening Hymn,**

*We Are the Light of the World*

(Green Gather Hymnal No.508)

(Find Music at the end of this program)

### **Unison Prayer**

*Loving God, you are our comfort in every need, in every moment of the day or night. When Jesus delivered his Sermon on the Plain, he looked out at the crowds of people, and they trusted him to relieve them of discomfort, confusion, disease, and heartache. Jesus gave them the Beatitudes, offering the promise of spiritual blessings for every condition of humankind. When we read these same Beatitudes, O God, help us to remember that you are always there to comfort, heal, and uplift us. When we put our trust in you, O God, we shall be satisfied and comforted. Truly, we are blessed. 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** *We Share a Hunger*

***We share a hunger: a hunger for justice in our world,  
that all may find joy, all may find wholeness, all may find peace.***

***We share a hunger: a hunger to feel the light of Christ  
shining through us, shining on all, bringing God's reign.***

## **Words of Integration & Guidance**

From the book, *The Secret According to Jesus*, by Rev. Ed Townley

In today's Gospel story, known as the Sermon on the Plain, Jesus is teaching the crowd, saying: "*Blessed are you who are poor. Blessed are you who are hungry. Blessed are you who are weeping. Blessed are you who are persecuted.*" Familiar translations for "blessed are you" have been "happy are you" or "favored are you." But, the more recent "Jesus Seminar" Scholars Version captures both the meaning and the energy with a jolting choice of words: "Congratulations are you!" The word "congratulations" helps us to grasp how radical and dangerous these Beatitudes must have seemed when they were first spoken. At that time, people learned and believed wealth, happiness, and success were all signs of God's favor. People who were poor, sick, or failing in any way were clearly being punished by God. Then along comes Jesus, offering his spiritual congratulations to the very people who were being judged and condemned by the religious authorities of the time. He is telling those who have been most thoroughly excluded from religious acceptance that they are, in fact, God's beloved. What an energy of hope and new possibility his words must have carried to the poor, the sick, and the marginalized who thronged to hear him!

## **Surprising Teaching**

### **The Words of Holy Scripture**

One: A Reading of Scripture from **Jeremiah 17:5-10**

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 6:17-26**

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

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

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

**Homily** "The Be-Attitudes," Rev. Salvatore Sapienza

**Offering & Offertory** *"The Beatitudes"*  
*Stan Greene and Peter Black*  
Composer: Hillsong Worship

## **The "Be-" Attitudes**

### **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 blessings 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** *Santo, Santo*

*Santo, Santo, Santo, mi corazon te adora!  
Mi corazon te sabe decir; santo eres Dios.  
Holy, Holy, Holy, my heart, my heart adores you.  
My heart is glad to say the words: you are holy God.  
(Please be seated)*

### **Sharing of the Bread & Cup**

Receive the Bread of Life. **Amen.**  
The Cup of Love, the Drink of Compassion. **Amen.**

## **Thy Will be Done**

### **\*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**

*Guide My Feet*

*(Green Gather Hymnal No.707)*

(Find Music at the End of this Program)

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude,** *It's Me, O Lord*, Peter Black

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## 508 We Are the Light of the World

## Verses



1. Bless - ed are they who are poor in spir - it,  
 2. Bless - ed are they who are meek and hum - ble,  
 3. Bless - ed are they who will mourn in sor - row,  
 4. Bless those who hun - ger and thirst for jus - tice,  
 5. Bless - ed are they who show oth - ers mer - cy,  
 6. Bless - ed are hearts that are clean and ho - ly,  
 7. Bless - ed are those who bring peace a - mong us,  
 8. Bless those who suf - fer from per - se - cution,



Theirs is the king - dom of God. Bless us, O Lord, make us  
 They will in - her - it the earth. Bless us, O Lord, make us  
 They will be com - fort - ed. Bless us, O Lord, when we  
 They will be sat - is - fied. Bless us, O Lord, hear our  
 They will know mer - cy, too. Bless us, O Lord, hear our  
 They will be - hold the Lord. Bless us, O Lord, make us  
 They are the chil - dren of God. Bless us, O Lord, may your  
 Theirs is the king - dom of God. Bless us, O Lord, when they



poor in spir - it;  
 meek and hum - ble;  
 share their sor - row;  
 cry for jus - tice; Bless us, O Lord, our God.  
 cry for mer - cy;  
 pure and ho - ly;  
 peace be with us;  
 per - se - cute us;

## Refrain



We are the light of the world, May our light shine be - fore all,



That they may see the good that we do, And give glo - ry to God.

# Guide My Feet 707



1., 6. Guide my feet while I run this race,



Guide my feet while I run this race,



Guide my feet while I run this race, for I



don't want to run this race in vain!

2. Hold my hand... 3. Stand by me... 4. I'm your child... 5. Search my heart...