



DOUGLAS UCC
A JUST WORLD FOR ALL

Order of Service for Sunday, February 20, 2022

**Seventh Sunday after Epiphany
Love Your Enemies**

Thank you for joining us today.

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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 *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: Margret Bazany

One: At God's table of justice, everyone has a place and none are turned away.

Many: Here strangers are welcomed as friends, the poor sit alongside the rich, and the upside-down Kin-dom of God is revealed.

One: At God's table of abundance, a banquet of righteousness and liberation is set for all.

Many: Here the powerless are heard; the outcast are showered with honor, and the inside-out Kin-dom of God is revealed.

One: At God's table of life, all peoples know peace and creation flourishes.

Many: Here the hopeless are nourished with possibility, the complacent are transformed into advocates for change. Here in our very midst, the Kin-dom of God is revealed. Amen.

***Opening Hymn,**

All Are Welcome

(Green Gather Hymnal No. 753)

(Find Music at the end of this program)

Unison Prayer

Mother/Father God: Scripture tells us the You are Love. Prior to Jesus' life and ministry, people believed they lived under the rule of a jealous, vengeful God. We are grateful that Jesus taught us a radically different message of an all-loving, inclusive God. Some of his teachings included the importance of loving one's enemies, not seeking revenge, and making peace with others. Help us to strive to follow these teachings and live in love. Help us to be peacemakers, both in our thoughts and in our interactions with others. May our thoughts and actions stem from love, for You, O God, are Love. 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

By Rev. Larry Harvey

Is it ever appropriate for Christians to resist authority? Many of us feel there is much in the behavior of our national leaders that cries out for criticism and resistance. Are Christians permitted to do that? Does “turn the other cheek” mean we should be doormats? “Doormat” was not Jesus’ style, nor the style of his followers in New Testament times. He and they were compassionate, and they were non-violent, but they were not doormat quality. In fact, **“turn the other cheek,”** thoughtfully understood, actually encourages subversive, even dangerously subversive behavior. When Jesus uttered those words, his topic was the avoidance of violence. The non-violent response he suggests is not a passive response. Jesus himself was not submissive to the unjust or irrational use of authority. He set a very different example. He often publicly pointed out injustice or hypocrisy, and frequently irritated or even enraged “the powers that be.” **Jesus was a resistant kind of person, but he always** counseled non-violence. Instead of fighting back or acting like a doormat, Jesus suggests a third approach: offer the other cheek. **You are not fighting back, but neither are you meekly taking it. You are asking for more.** You may get it or you may not, but either way you’ve made a point or two. You are not exactly what they think you are, and you know it; you are a person, and deserve more equal treatment and respect as a person; you are aware of the truth behind the fraud. **You are amplifying awareness of their bullying behavior and the system that allows it.** The point is: we can be non-violent and still act and speak in ways that resist and undermine falsehood and unjust power. And that, I believe, is a good part of what Jesus is after in this short teaching about turning the other cheek. Christians clearly have a role to play in exposing and resisting evil.

Love Your Enemies

The Words of Holy Scripture

One: A Reading of Scripture from Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40

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 6:27-38

Many: Glory to you, O Christ.

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

Many: Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily "Irresistible Grace," Rev. Marchiene Rienstra

Offering & Offertory *"There Are No Strangers Here"*
Pamela Chappell and Peter Black
by Carol Johnson

Turn the Other Cheek

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.

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** *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** *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*
(*Green Gather Hymnal No. 726*)
(Find Music at the End of this Program)

***Benediction**

Postlude, *Winter's Crossing*, Peter Black

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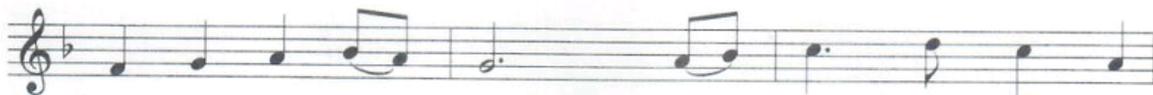
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753 All Are Welcome



1. Let us build a house where love can dwell And
 2. Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, And
 3. Let us build a house where love is found In
 4. Let us build a house where hands will reach Be -
 5. Let us build a house where all are named, Their



all can safe - ly live, A place where saints and
 words are strong and true, Where all God's chil - dren
 wa - ter, wine and wheat: A ban - quet hall on
 yond the wood and stone To heal and strength-en,
 songs and vi - sions heard And loved and treas - ured,



chil - dren tell How hearts learn to for -
 dare to seek To dream God's reign a -
 ho - ly ground, Where peace and jus - tice
 serve and teach, And live the Word they've
 taught and claimed As words with - in the



give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions, Rock of
 new. Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness And as
 meet. Here the love of God, through Je - sus, Is re -
 known. Here the out - cast and the stran - ger Bear the
 Word. Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter, Prayers of



faith and vault of grace: Here the
 sym - bol of God's grace; Here as
 vealed in time and space; As we
 im - age of God's face; Let us
 faith and songs of grace, Let this

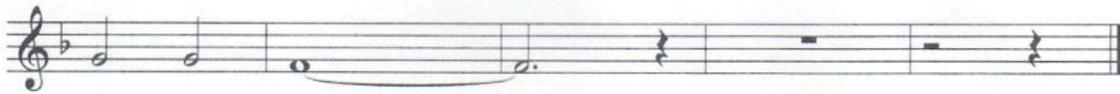
GATHERING



love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
share in Christ the feast that frees us:
bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
house pro - claim from floor to raft - er:



All are wel - come, all are wel - come, all are wel - come



in this place.

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726 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Verses 1, 2, 4



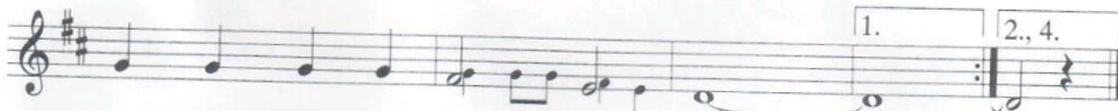
1. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where
 2. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where
 4. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. It



there is ha-tred, let me bring your love. Where
 there's de-spair in life, let me bring hope. Where
 is in par-don-ing that we are par-doned, in

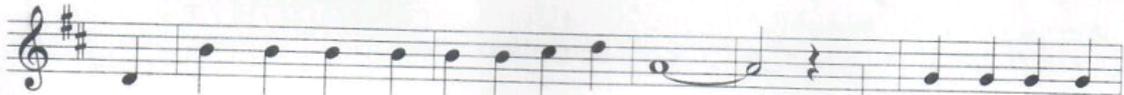


there is in-ju-ry, your par-don, Lord, And
 there is dark-ness, on-ly light, And
 giv-ing of our-selves that we re-ceive, and in



where there's doubt, true faith in you.
 where there's sad-ness, ev-er joy.
 dy-ing that we're born to e-ter-nal life.

Verse 3



3. Oh, Mas-ter, grant that I may nev-er seek So much to be con-



soled as to con-sole. To be un-der-stood as to un-der-



stand. To be loved as to love with all my soul.

