



DOUGLAS UCC
A JUST WORLD FOR ALL

Order of Service for Sunday, February 5, 2023

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Thank you for joining us today.

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

Congressional Responses in Bold

Prelude *Winter Light*

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)

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

Psalm 112

Reader: Chris Clark

One: Praise be to God!

Many: Happy are those who greatly delight in God's commandments.

One: Their descendants will be mighty in the land;

Many: The generation of the upright will be blessed.

One: They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;

Many: They are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

One: Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid;

Many: In the end they will look in triumph on their foes.

One: They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor;

Many: Their righteousness endures forever; Praise be to God!

***Opening Hymn,**

"You are the Salt of the Earth"

(Black New Century Hymnal No. 181)

(Find Music at the end of this program)

Unison Prayer

God of Grace, Mother of Hope: On this Black History Month, we honor and remember the legacy of those who came before us – who not only paved the way but carried the bricks on broken backs that then built that road. We remember the songs, stories, and fiery hope of old men and little girls, granny midwives and marvelous musicians, great orators and leaders, entrepreneurs and innovators – those who are earth-tone brown, black as night, fair like the sands of Egypt. King and queens. Descendants of royalty. God, help us value diversity with a vision for a progressive future that acknowledges our strength together as well as the power, creativity, and ideas that we all bring when we are all welcome – to come to the table and taste and see the goodness of our God. 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

Draw the Circle Wide

Draw the circle wide, Draw it wider still.

Let this be our song, no one stands alone, standing side by side.

Draw the circle wide.

Words of Integration & Guidance

By Rev. Robert von Treba, pastor of the UCC church in Holladay, Utah

I don't know if you often think of yourself as a minister, but that is one of the foundational claims of the Protestant church — the priesthood of all believers – the recognition that all and not just a special few are called by God to carry out the ministry of the church. Yes, we ordain some people to be pastors and ministers who have received special training in pastoral and educational functions, but their task is to guide, instruct and enable the ministry of the members of the community rather than to do the work of ministry on the church's behalf. Thus, you don't just participate in ministry, you are a minister. You are a bearer of God's welcome. As Jesus tells his disciples in this small little section of the Sermon on the Mount – "You are the light of the world. You are the salt of the earth." You are a minister of the presence of God. Notice that Jesus doesn't say you can be salt or you can be light. He says you are light, you are salt. You are made up of light and salt, of hope of possibility, of flavor, of zest, of that which brings out the essence of what is. There is something native to you, something already within you, something you were born with that is meant to be shared simply for the sake of sharing it. I think what Jesus is getting at here is different than what many of us learned to believe about vocation or calling from our experience in church – that is, the idea that calling is something that happens outside of us, that is external to us. Vocation does not come from a voice "out there" calling me to become something I am not. It comes from a voice "in here" calling me to be the person I was born to be. Thomas Merton calls it "true self." Quakers call it the "inner light." No matter what you call it, it is a pearl of great price. Our job as a church is not to maintain an institution. It is to bring our genuine light and our irresistible flavor into the world.

Salt & Light

The Words of Holy Scripture

One: A Reading of Scripture from Isaiah 58:1-8

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

All: *Thanks be to God.*

The Gospel Lesson

One: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 5:13-20

All: *Glory to you, O Christ.*

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

All: *Praise to you, O Christ.*

Homily

“Salt & Light” Rev. Salvatore Sapienza

Offering & Offertory

“At This Table”

Elizabeth Estes and Peter Black

Composer: Idina Menzel / Jonas Carl Gustaf Myrin

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, 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)

Breaking of the Bread *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.*

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** (Aramaic Translation)

O Birther! Father- Mother of the Cosmos, focus your light within us - make it useful. Create your reign of unity now - through our fiery hearts and willing hands. Help us love beyond our ideals and sprout acts of compassion for all creatures. Animate the earth within us: we then feel the Wisdom underneath supporting all. Untangle the knots within so that we can mend our hearts' simple ties to each other. Don't let surface things delude us, but free us from what holds us back from our true purpose. Out of you, the astonishing fire, we return light and sound to the Cosmos. Amen.

***Hymn of Sending**

Guide My Feet

(Black New Century Hymnal No. 497)

(Find Music at the end of this program)

Benediction

Postlude

This Little Light of Mine

Peter Black

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You Are Salt for the Earth, O People

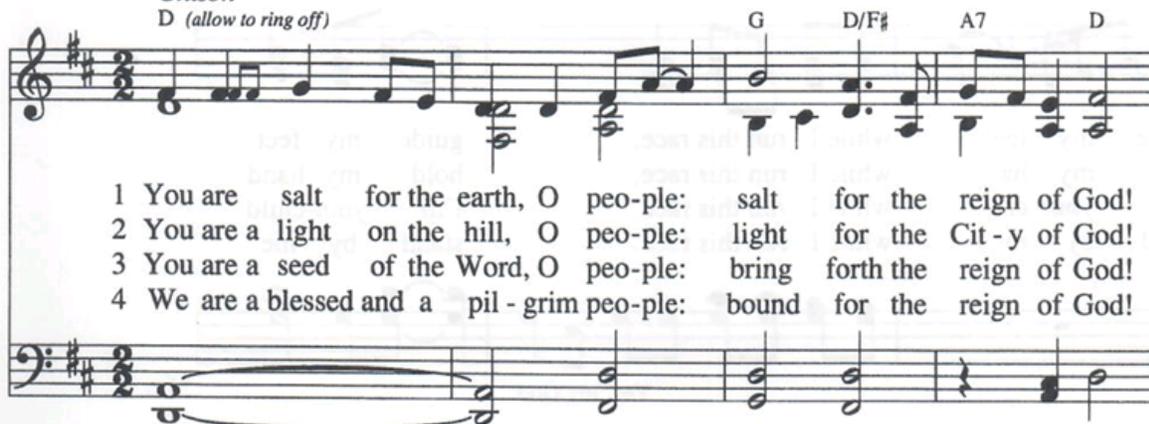
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Paraphr. by Marty Haugen, 1986; alt.

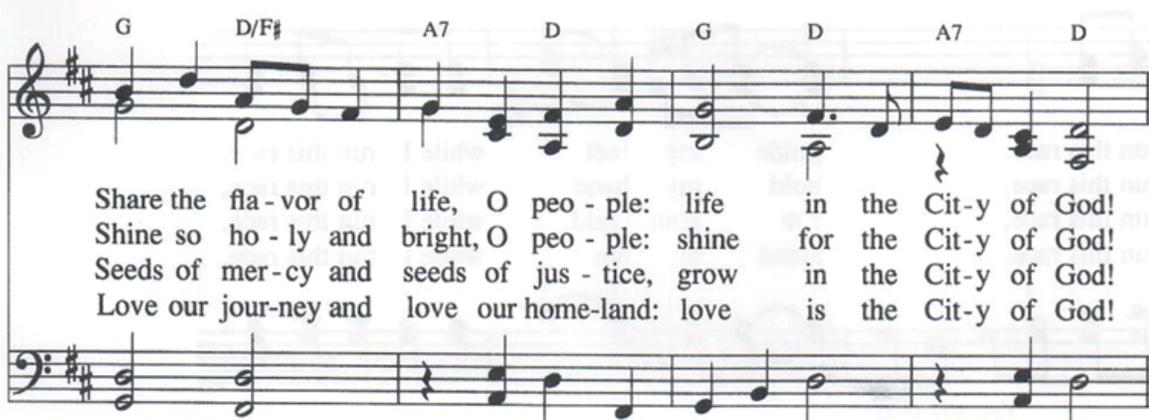
Matt. 5:13-15

Unison

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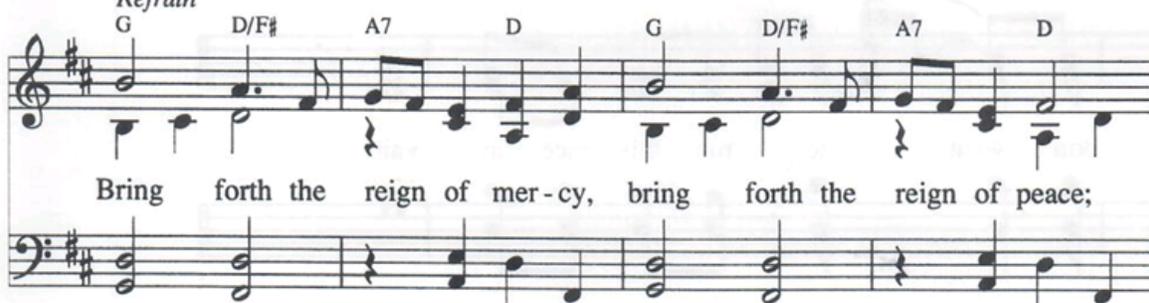


1 You are salt for the earth, O people: salt for the reign of God!
 2 You are a light on the hill, O people: light for the City of God!
 3 You are a seed of the Word, O people: bring forth the reign of God!
 4 We are a blessed and a pilgrim people: bound for the reign of God!

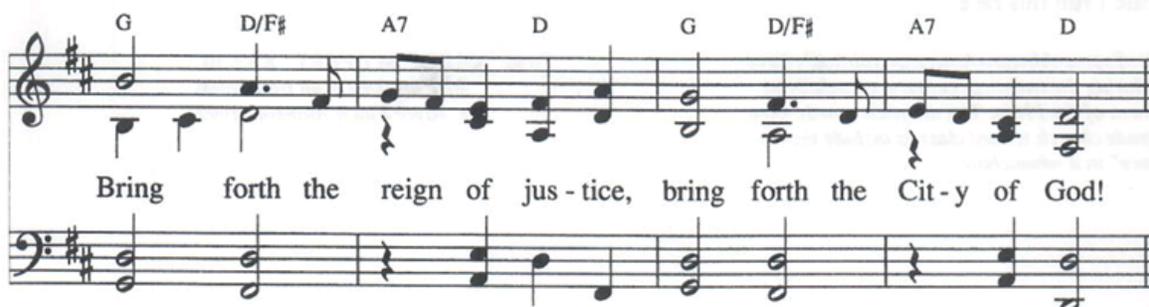


Share the flavor of life, O people: life in the City of God!
 Shine so holy and bright, O people: shine for the City of God!
 Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice, grow in the City of God!
 Love our journey and love our homeland: love is the City of God!

Refrain



Bring forth the reign of mercy, bring forth the reign of peace;



Bring forth the reign of justice, bring forth the City of God!

During a residency at Holden Village, a retreat center in the state of Washington, Marty Haugen wrote this hymn to be used as a "processing song" for outdoor worship. The lectionary readings

Tune: BRING FORTH Irr. with refrain
 Marty Haugen, 1986

Guide My Feet

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*African-American traditional; alt.**Heb. 12:1-15*

1 Guide my feet while I run this race, guide my feet
 2 Hold my hand while I run this race, hold my hand
 3 I'm your child while I run this race, I'm your child
 4 Stand by me while I run this race, stand by me

Yes, my God.

while I run this race, guide my feet while I run this race,
 while I run this race, hold my hand while I run this race,
 while I run this race, I'm your child while I run this race,
 while I run this race, stand by me while I run this race,

Yes, my God.

For I don't want to run this race in vain.

This stanza may be added following stanza 1:

Wheel with me while I run this race . . .

The words and music of some African-American spirituals have been widely adapted during the twentieth century, especially in the civil rights movement of the 1960s. The alternate words were suggested by a fifth-grade church school class to include those who must "run this race" in a wheelchair.

Tune: GUIDE MY FEET 8.8.8.10.
African-American traditional
 Arr. Joyce Finch Johnson, 1992