



DOUGLAS UCC
A JUST WORLD FOR ALL

Order of Service for Sunday, January 22, 2023

Third 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 *Abide With 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)

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 27

Reader: Greg Sherman

One: God is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

Many: God is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

One: There is one thing I ask of God; for this I long:

Many: to dwell in the house of God all the days of my life,

One: to behold the beauty of God, and to inquire in God's temple.

Many: For God will hide me in God's shelter in the day of trouble;

One: Your face, O God, do I seek. Do not hide your face from me.

Many: Do not cast me off, nor forsake me. You, O God, are my salvation!

***Opening Hymn,**

Lord, When You Came to the Seashore

(Green Gather Hymnal No.696)

(Find Music at the end of this program)

Unison Prayer

God of Justice, there are moments when we feel drawn to take a stand for a particular cause or advocate for people in need. The more we become involved in this type of work, the more we rely on your wisdom and guidance. Being called to effect change, we seek your Spirit, so that we can be sure that the Spirit of God is always leading us. We turn to you now for Divine guidance and new insight about the ways we can move forward with love. As we answer the call of Spirit, give us the patience and courage we need to embark with faith and love upon your Divinely-directed path. 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. Ed Townley

“As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, Jesus saw two brothers casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, ‘Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men’” (Matthew 4:18-19).

What exactly did Jesus mean when he said, “I will make you fishers of men”? I have this picture in my mind of a net full of kicking and wriggling people who quite clearly have been caught. Was Jesus suggesting we grab people against their will, render them powerless, remove them from their natural environment, and do with them what we will? Clearly not. (Not that some well-meaning missionaries haven’t tried similar tactics in the history of Christianity). Fish were a spiritually important symbol in the ministry of Jesus. Metaphysically, they represent divine ideas—expressions of creative possibility—existing within the vast ‘waters’ of Divine Mind. Among the many times Jesus uses fish to communicate a spiritual idea is this brief parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a net which was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind; when it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into vessels but threw away the bad” (Matthew 13:47-48). Jesus is describing, I think, a process of spiritual discernment. We must find within ourselves the ideas that are worthy of being a part of the new consciousness that is ‘the kingdom of heaven’ and toss other ideas back into the realm of Divine Mind so they can continue to grow in size and strength. They, too, will eventually become kingdom-worthy ideas, since everything is of God and nothing is ever wasted. So I hear Jesus calling the fishermen—and, by extension, you and me—to become agents of discernment, helping to sort out in collective consciousness those people, thoughts, and choices that are ready to hear and express the kingdom, so that the spiritual process that is our human purpose can continue more efficiently.

Called Together

The Words of Holy Scripture

One: A Reading of Scripture from Isaiah 9:2-4

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

Many: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Lesson

One: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 4:12-23

Many: Glory to you, O Christ.

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

Many: Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily

“Fishers of Men” **Rev. Salvatore Sapienza**

Offering & Offertory

Come and Follow Me

Jeff Spangler and Peter Black

Composer: Tom Franzak

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**

**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** *Somebody's Knockin' at Your Door*
(Green Gather Hymnal No.395)
(Find Music at the end of this program)

Benediction

Postlude *How Can I Keep From Singing*
Peter Black

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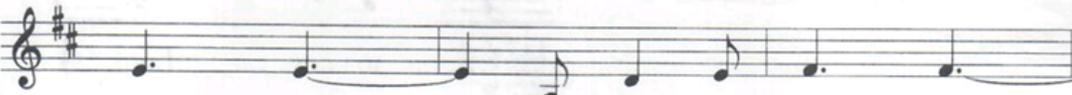
Verses



1. Lord,	when you came to the	sea - shore
2. Lord,	you knew what my boat	car - ried:
3. Lord,	have you need of my	la - bor,
4. Lord,	send me where you would	have me,
1. Tú	has ve - ni - do a la o - ri - lla,	
2. Tú	sa - bes bien lo que ten - go,	
3. Tú	ne - ce - si - tas mis ma - nos,	
4. Tú	pes - ca - dor de o - tros,	ma - res,



You weren't seek - ing	the wise or the
Nei - ther mon - ey	nor weap - ons for
Hands for ser - vice,	a heart made for
To a vil - lage,	or heart of the
<i>no has bus - ca - do</i>	<i>ni a sa - bios, ni a</i>
<i>en mi bar - ca</i>	<i>no hay o - ro ni es -</i>
<i>mi can - san - cio</i>	<i>que a o - tros des -</i>
<i>an - sia e - ter - na,</i>	<i>al - mas que es -</i>



wealth - y,	But on - ly ask - ing
fight - ing,	But nets for fish - ing,
lov - ing,	My arms for lift - ing
cit - y;	I will re - mem - ber
<i>ri - cos,</i>	<i>tan só - lo quie - res</i>
<i>pa - das,</i>	<i>tan só - lo re - des</i>
<i>can - se,</i>	<i>a - mor que quie - ra</i>
<i>pe - ran.</i>	<i>A - mi - go bue - no,</i>



that I might fol - low.
my dai - ly la - bor.
the poor and bro - ken?
that you are with me.
<i>que yo te si - ga.</i>
<i>y mi tra - ba - jo.</i>
<i>se - guir a - man - do.</i>
<i>que a - sí me lla - mas.</i>

DISCIPLESHIP

Refrain



O Lord, in my eyes you were gaz - ing,
Se - ñor me has mi - ra - do a los o - jos,



Kind-ly smil - ing, my name you were
son - ri - en - do has di - cho mi



say - ing; All I treas - ured,
nom - bre, en la a - re - na



I have left on the sand there; Close to
he de - ja - do mi bar - ca, jun - to a



you, I will find oth - er seas.
ti bus - ca - ré o - tro mar.

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Some-bod - y's knock-in' at your door; Some-bod - y's

knock-in' at your door; O sin-ner, why don't you

an-swer? Some-bod - y's knock-in' at your door.

Solo: *All:*

1. Knocks like Je - sus,
 2. Can't you hear him?
 3. Je - sus calls you,
 4. Can't you trust him?
- Some-bod - y's knock-in' at your door.

Solo: *All:*

- Knocks like Je - sus,
Can't you hear him?
Je - sus calls you,
Can't you trust him?
- Some-bod - y's knock - in' at your door.

O sin - ner, why don't you an - swer?

Some-bod - y's knock-in' at your door.

Text: African-American spiritual

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