



DOUGLAS UCC
A JUST WORLD FOR ALL

Order of Service for Sunday, January 30, 2022

**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
Come to the Edge**

Thank you for joining us today.

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

Congressional Responses in Bold

Prelude *In the Bleak Midwinter, 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

Adapted from Jeremiah 1:4-10

Reader: Michael Valdez

One: The word of God came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you;"

Many: God said to me, "Before you were born, I appointed you as prophet to the nations."

One: Then I said, "O God, truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a child."

Many: God said to me, "Do not be afraid, for I am with you always."

One: Then God said, "You shall go to whom I send you."

Many: God said, "You shall speak whatever I command you."

One: Then God touched my mouth and said, "I have put my words in your mouth."

Many: God said, "Today, I appoint you over kingdoms, to build and to plant."

***Opening Hymn,**

You Have Anointed Me

(Green Gather Hymnal No.676)

(Find Music at the end of this program)

Unison Prayer

Loving God, we know that love is the most powerful force in the universe. It harmonizes and heals. It finds ways to connect us when there seems to be no way of connecting. Help us to become conduits of your love in the world by showing compassion to others, especially towards those who challenge us or who differ from us. Following Jesus' teaching to love one another, help us to radiate love and kindness to all of your creation. When we live in love, O God, we live in you and you in us. 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

Rev. Greg Carey

Lots of our public conversations these days relate to boundaries. Should we welcome refugees? Do we consider immigrants likely contributors or potential criminals? How should our society respond to others who have immigrated here without government approval? Our Gospel lesson this week has lots to do with boundaries. After spending 40 days and nights in the wilderness, Jesus returns to Nazareth, his hometown, to deliver his "inaugural address," if you will. He reads a proclamation declaring freedom to the oppressed, liberation to the captive, and good news to the poor. When he finishes reading this proclamation, Jesus then tells his hometown crowd that this good news of freedom and liberation is for *all* people, not just the Israelites. He reminds them that Israel had a lot of famine back in Elijah's day, but God sent help to a Gentile widow, not a Jewish one. Likewise, he reminds them that Israel had many lepers back in Elisha's day, but God cleansed only a Gentile man. Jesus is reminding his hometown audience that God's love knows no boundaries. He's saying to them, "*Don't think that God's goodness is only for you.*" Well, that's something his hometown crowd does not want to hear! Rising up in anger, they intend to throw Jesus off a cliff!! Jesus' message angers them because he extends the boundaries to include outsiders. His message shocks them because it doesn't recognize boundaries at all. Jesus's mission is one of liberation for all, and it recognizes no walls.

Prophet on the Edge

The Words of Holy Scripture

One: A Reading of Scripture from 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

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 4:21-30

Many: Glory to you, O Christ.

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

Many: Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily "Come to the Edge," Rev. Salvatore Sapienza

Offering & Offertory

"If I Were Brave"

Nancy Plantinga

Composer: Jana Stanfield and Jerry Kimbrough

Come to the Edge

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.**

Be Not Afraid

***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** *Be Not Afraid*
(*Green Gather Hymnal No.608*)
(Find Music at the End of this Program)

***Benediction**

Postlude, *Great is Thy Faithfulness*, Peter Black

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676 You Have Anointed Me

Verse 1



1. To bring glad tid - ings to the low - ly, to



heal the bro - ken heart, You have a - noint - ed me.



To pro - claim lib - er - ty to cap - tives, re -



lease to pris - on - ers, You have a - noint - ed me.

Refrain



Your Spir - it, O God, is up - on me,



You have a - noint - ed me.

Verse 2



2. To an - nounce a year of fa - vor, to



com - fort those who mourn. You have a - noint - ed



me. To give to them the oil of glad - ness, and

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share a man-tle of joy, You have a - noint - ed me. **D.S.**

The image shows a single line of musical notation on a five-line staff. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. A triplet of eighth notes is marked with a '3' above it. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The piece ends with a double bar line and the instruction 'D.S.' (Da Capo).

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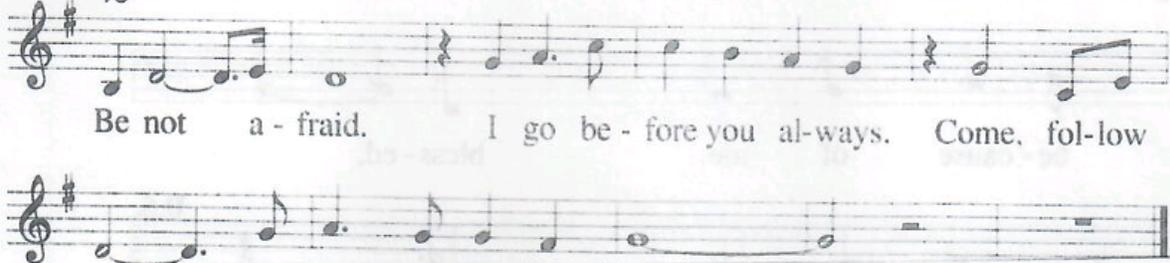
608 Be Not Afraid

Verse 1



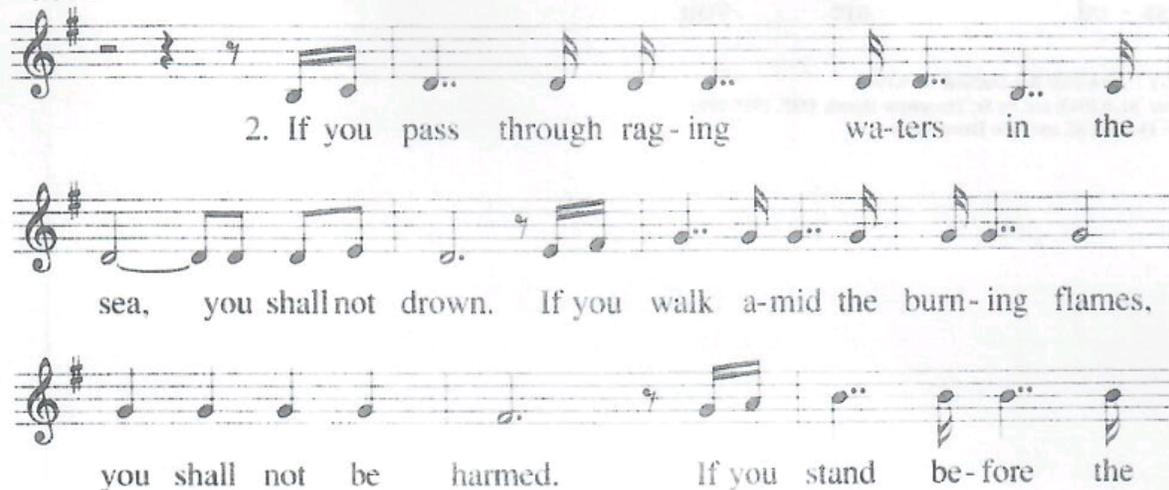
1. You shall cross the bar-ren des-ert, but you shall not die of thirst. You shall wan-der far in safe-ty though you do not know the way. You shall speak your words in for-eign lands and all will un-der-stand. You shall see the face of God and live.

Refrain



Be not a-fraid. I go be-fore you al-ways. Come, fol-low

Verse 2



2. If you pass through rag-ing wa-ters in the sea, you shall not drown. If you walk a-mid the burn-ing flames, you shall not be harmed. If you stand be-fore the

TRUST

pow'r of hell and death is at your side, know that I am
with you through it all. **D.S.**

Verse 3

3. Bless - ed are your poor, for the king - dom shall be theirs.
Blest are you that weep and mourn, for one day you shall
laugh. And if wick - ed tongues in - sult and hate you
all be - cause of me, bless - ed,
bless - ed are you! **D.S.**

Text: Isaiah 43:2-3, Luke 6:20ff; Bob Dufford, SJ, b.1943
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