



**DOUGLAS UCC**  
A JUST WORLD FOR ALL

**Order of Service for Sunday, July 10, 2022**

## **Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Thank you for joining us today.**

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

**Congressional Responses in Bold**

**Prelude**     *I Won't Let Go*  
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) *Surely the Presence*

*Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,  
I can feel God's mighty power and God's grace.  
I can feel the brush of angel wings, I see glory on each face.  
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.*

## **Call to Worship**

**Psalm 25**

**Reader: Stan Greene**

One: To You, O God, do I lift up my soul.

**Many: O my God, I trust in You; may I not be ashamed;**

One: Make me to know Your ways, O God; teach me Your paths.

**Many: Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation;**

One: On You, O God, I wait all the day.

**Many: According to Your lovingkindness remember me, O God.**

One: To You, O God, do I lift up my soul.

**Many: Teach me and lead me in Your truth. Amen.**

## **\*Opening Hymn,**

*Spirit of Jesus, If I Love My Neighbor*

(Black New Century Hymnal No. 590

(Find Music at the end of this program)

## **Unison Prayer**

**When asked to name the greatest commandment, Jesus said it was to love God and to love one's neighbor as one's self. The simplicity of this principle is profound. I love God. I am a wondrous part of the mystery, the order, the magnificence, and the dynamic dance of creating and re-creating that is God. With each thought of gratitude, my love for God deepens. I love the diversity of my brothers and sisters, each unique in their own way. I love the creative expressions of Spirit that we are and the gifts and attributes we are here to share. Each day we practice kindness and compassion, acceptance and forgiveness, we choose the path of 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** *Spirit, Fill Me*

**Spirit come and fill me, fill me with your peace, fill me with your joy and your love.  
Spirit come and show me, show me how to care, show me how to share your  
light.**

**Help me give my hand to those in need, let my heart be open to receive.**

**When we share your love we can work together to heal this broken world.**

**Spirit come and fill us, fill us with your peace, fill us with your joy and your love.**

**Spirit come and show us, show us how to care, show us how to share your light.**

## **Words of Integration & Guidance**

**By Sr. Joan Chittister**

To become “God-like” is the most common – and the most elusive – of all spiritual aspirations. What can that desire possibly mean? A medieval mystic answers the question directly. “When are we like God?” the mystic Mechthild of Magdeburg writes. “I will tell you. Insofar as we love compassion and practice it steadfastly, to that extent, do we resemble the heavenly Creator who practices these things ceaselessly in us.” When we, too, “know of what we’re made,” there is no room in us for anything but mercy for the other. Mercy takes us outside ourselves. It makes us one with the rest of the world. Or as Martin Luther King, Jr. reminds us, “The first question which the priest and the Levite asked when they saw the wounded man dying on the street was, “If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me?” But the Good Samaritan reversed the question. He said: “If I don’t stop to help this man, what will happen to him?” A sign in Springdale, Connecticut makes the whole subject clear. It reads: “There is so much good in the worst of us and so much bad in the best of us, that it’s rather hard to tell which of us ought to reform the rest of us.” A Japanese proverb reminds us, “It is often the most wicked who know the nearest path to the shrine.” Don’t let anybody fool you: Goodness is as goodness does. Be careful who you call bad simply because the “good” people have named them so. God, it seems, is far less quick to judge.

## **Caring Neighbors**

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

One: A Reading of Scripture from Deuteronomy 30:9-14

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 10:25-37

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

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

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

**Homily** "Who is my Neighbor" **Rev. Salvatore Sapienza**

### **Offering & Offertory**

*"Live to See Another Day"*

Jeff Spangler and Peter Black

Composer: Burt Bacharach and Rudy Perez

## **Who is My Neighbor?**

### **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 blessing 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** *Holy*

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Hosts.***

***Heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory.***

***Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!***

***Blessed is the One who comes,***

***who comes in the name of the Lord.***

***Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!***

*(Please be seated)*

## **Breaking of the Bread** *There is Room for All*

***There is room for all in the shadow of God's wing;***

***There is room for all at the table of God's love.***

***And I exalt and sing "We do this in remembrance of you."***

***There is room for all. There is room for all.***

## **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**      *They Asked, "Who's My Neighbor?"*  
(Black New Century Hymnal No. 541)  
(Find music at the end of this program)

## **Benediction**

**Postlude**              *You've Got a Friend*  
**Peter Black**

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# Spirit of Jesus, If I Love My Neighbor

590

Brian Wren, 1973; rev. 1994

Rom. 13:8-14

*Unison*

D F#m Am7 Em

1 Spir - it of Je - sus, if I love my neigh - bor,  
 2 And if, when I have an - swered need with kind - ness,  
 3 If I am hug - ging safe - ty or pos - ses - sions,

Gm D G A7

out of my knowl - edge, lei - sure, power or wealth,  
 my neigh - bor ris - es, wak - ened from de - spair,  
 un - curl my spir - it, as your love pre - vails,

D F#m Am7 GM7 F#7

o - pen my mind to un - der - stand the an - ger of  
 o - pen my heart to hear the cry for jus - tice that  
 to join my neigh - bors, work for lib - er - a - tion, and

Bm Em/G F#m7 Bm Em7 A7 D

help - less - ness that hates my power to help.  
 strug - gles for the chang - es that I fear.  
 find . . . my free - dom at the mark of nails.

Brian Wren gave this poem the subtitle "Pilgrimage of

Tune: BENJAMIN 11.10.11.10.

## They Asked, "Who's My Neighbor?"

541

Jan Wesson, 1981; alt.

Luke 10:29-37

Unison

1 They asked, "Who's my neigh - bor and whom should I love; for  
 2 There once was a trav - el - er set on by thieves who  
 3 A cer - tain Sa - mar - i - tan then came a - long to  
 4 I know who's my neigh - bor and whom I should love, for

whom should I do a good deed?" Then Je - sus re - lat - ed a  
 beat him and left him to die; A priest and a Le - vite each  
 bind up his wounds and give aid; He took him to stay at an  
 whom I should do a good deed; For Je - sus made clear in the

sto - ry and said, "It's an - y - one who has a  
 saw him in pain; but they turned a - way and walked  
 inn un - til well, and for all the ser - vice he  
 sto - ry he told, it's an - y - one who has a

need, yes, an - y - one who has a need."  
 by, yes, they turned a - way and walked by.  
 paid, yes, for all the ser - vice he paid.  
 need, yes, an - y - one who has a need.

Ruth Janelle (Jan) Wesson wrote this hymn for the dedication

Tune: NEIGHBOR 11.8.11.8.8.

