



DOUGLAS UCC
A JUST WORLD FOR ALL

Order of Service for Sunday, July 24, 2022

Seventh 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 *Seek Ye First*
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 138

Reader: Eric Lejeuene

One: I give you thanks, O God, with my whole heart;

Many: Before all I shall sing your praise.

One: I bow down towards your holy temple

Many: I give thanks for your steadfast love and your faithfulness.

One: I shall exalt your name and your word above everything.

Many: On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.

One: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me.

Many: You stretch out your hand, and your love delivers me.

One: O God, I will fulfill your purpose for me;

Many: For your steadfast love, O God, endures forever. Amen.

***Opening Hymn,**

Lead Me, Guide Me

(Green Gather Hymnal No 574)

(Find Music at the end of this program)

Unison Prayer

Loving God, thank you for the gift of prayer which connects me to Your presence and power within me and all others. I know that in the Silence, I awaken to the presence of peace, wholeness, abundance, and strength within. My prayer acknowledges and affirms these same qualities in myself and the ones for whom I pray. And, may I always remember, O God, to complete my sacred prayer time with gratitude, releasing any attachment to specific results. I give thanks for the power of prayer and leave the rest to You. 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 Charles Fillmore

When Jesus' disciples asked him to teach them how to pray, Jesus warned them against making a display of their praying in order to be seen of others. They should retire to their "inner chamber" and pray to God who sees in secret and rewards openly. Then Jesus said, "After this manner therefore pray." The Lord's Prayer was then given to them as an example. As in all matters where we seek divine help, we are free to use any words we choose or no words at all. Prayer is a conscious expression of the upward trend of nature found everywhere. So every impulse or desire of the soul for life, love, light, is a prayer. All growth and unfoldment from atom to sun is based upon this law of soul urge. We have been so persistently taught that prayer consists in asking God for some human need that we have lost sight of our spiritual identity and have become a race of praying beggars. God is Spirit in whom we "live, and move, and have our being." We are the offspring of this Spirit and can make conscious contact with it by turning our attention away from material things and towards things of the Spirit. As we practice this kind of prayer, our innate Spirit showers its life energies into our conscious mind and a great soul expansion follows. This "inner chamber" of the soul is "the kingdom of God within you." What we need to know above all is that there is a place within our soul where we can consciously meet God and receive a flood of new life into not only our mind but also our body. This understanding shows us that prayer is more than asking God for help in this physical world; it is in its highest sense the opening up in our soul of an innate spiritual umbilical cord that connects us with the Holy Mother, from whom we can receive a perpetual flow of life. This is the beginning of eternal life for both soul and body, the essential teaching of Jesus, which he demonstrated in overcoming death. The body can be so charged with spiritual life through prayer that it will even overcome death.

Shaped by Prayer

The Words of Holy Scripture

One: A Reading of Scripture from Colossians 2:6-15

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 11:1-13

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

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

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

Homily "How to Pray" **Rev. Salvatore Sapienza**

Offering & Offertory "When I Pray"
Nancy Plantinga
Composer: Daniel Nahmod

Teach Us to Pray

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**
(The 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** Standin' in the Need of Prayer
(Green Gather Hymnal No.579)
(Find music at the end of this program)

Benediction

Postlude *Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart*
Peter Black

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Lead Me, Guide Me 574

Refrain

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way, For if you

lead me, I can-not stray. Lord, let me walk each

day with thee. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

Verses

1. I am weak and I need thy strength and power to
 2. Help me tread in the paths of right - eous - ness, Be my
 3. I am lost if you take your hand from me, I am

help me o - ver my weak - est hour. Help me through the
 aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press. I am put - ting
 blind with - out thy Light to see, Lord, just al - ways

dark-ness thy face to see, Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.
 all my trust in thee. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.
 let me thy ser-vant be. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

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579 Standin' in the Need of Prayer



1. Not my broth - er, nor my sis - ter, but it's me, Oh Lord,
2. Not the preach - er, nor the dea - con, but it's me, Oh Lord,
3. Not my fa - ther, nor my moth - er, but it's me, Oh Lord,
4. Not the stran - ger, nor my neigh - bor, but it's me, Oh Lord,



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 Stand-in' in the need of prayer; Not my fa - ther, nor my moth - er,
 Stand-in' in the need of prayer; Not the stran - ger, nor my neigh - bor,



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