



DOUGLAS UCC
A JUST WORLD FOR ALL

Order of Service for Sunday, July 2, 2023

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 *All are Welcome*

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) *No Matter*

*No matter who, no matter what, no matter where
you are in the journey of life,
you're welcome, welcome in this place.*

*No matter who, no matter what, no matter where
you are on the journey of life, accepted, welcomed by God's grace.*

(repeat after verse)

Call to Worship

Reader: Carol Rice

One: We come to celebrate God's blessings to us.

Many: Surely God is in this place!

One: We come to open ourselves to God's guidance and love.

Many: Surely God is in this place!

One: We come to see more clearly God's presence in our lives.

Many: Surely God is in this place!

One: We come to seek God in this community of seekers.

Many: Surely God is in this place!

One: We come to pray, praise, and offer ourselves to God.

Many: Surely God is in this place! Let us worship together!

***Opening Hymn,**

Enter, Rejoice, and Come In

(Black New Century Hymnal No.73)

(Find Music at the end of this program)

Unison Prayer

Loving God, July 4th Weekend has become a symbol of freedom for all. Today, we make our own individual declarations of independence from anything that may be binding or limiting us. We know that many times the thing that binds us most is our own fear. But let us remember, O God, that you have not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. We can be free, for you, O God, have given us your own Spirit. Today, we celebrate our independence with gratitude. 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

The Peace of Christ is Yours

*Reach out your hands, accept the gift.
Reach out your hands, accept the gift.
Reach out your hands, embrace the gift,
the Peace of Christ is yours!
And it is free, free, free.
And it is free, free, free.
And it is free, free, free.
The Peace of Christ is Yours!*

Words of Integration & Guidance

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“Jesus didn’t turn people away, neither do we.” When you’re gutsy enough to make such a claim, it’s not always easy to make good on it. Following Jesus’ lead, the United Church of Christ strives to keep doors open to all. By God’s grace—in the past and today—we do what needs to be done to be bold people of God’s welcome. Jesus lived and breathed gracious hospitality. Even though there were powerful people who opposed Jesus’ extravagant welcome, he still embraced those who were often shunned. In the reign of God that Jesus spoke of, he declared there is room for all — those who are hungry, thirsty, homeless, ill, poor, grieving, persecuted, and in prison. Jesus put faith and hospitality together: UCC churches express God’s extravagant welcome in a variety of ways. Our churches are among those whose doors are open to God’s children of different cultures, races, genders, ages, sexual orientations, abilities, economic situations, and theological traditions. It isn’t always easy to be so open. Once one enters the door, it’s not a matter of “sit back, be quiet, speak only as we do.” You, your heart’s questions and your gifts, are vital to the congregation. Both we and you grow together in faith and witness. Your distinct story of faith joins with centuries of stories that make up the Church, and specifically the United Church of Christ. In God’s grace, you change: we change. We make a holy difference in each other’s lives, and, together, in the world.

Holy Welcome

The Words of Holy Scripture

One: A Reading of Scripture from Jeremiah 28:5-9

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 10:40-42

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

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

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

Homily

"The Difficulties of Welcome" Rev. K'Lynne McKinley

Offering & Offertory

Jerusalem

Bob Kruse

Composer: Steve Earl

Joys & Concerns/Tibetan Prayer Bell

One: Thanks be to God!

Many: *Alleluia!*

One: O God,

Many: *Hear our prayer.*

*Doxology

Give Thanks to the Lord

*Give thanks to the Lord for God is good
and God's mercy will endure.*

*For God alone has done marv'lous things,
give thanks unto the Lord.*

*God made the earth and heaven
with a strong and mighty hand.*

God has moved us to sing, proclaim the song!

Give thanks unto our God!

***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, holy, holy, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, are full, of your glory.*

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes, who comes, in God's name.

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.*

***Hymn of Sending**

This is My Song

(Black New Century Hymnal No.591)

(Find Music at the end of this program)

Benediction

Postlude

Hymn to Freedom (Oscar Peterson)

Peter Black

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Enter, Rejoice, and Come In

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Louise Ruspini; alt.

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Unison C

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| 1 | En - ter, re - joice, and come in. | En - ter, re - joice, and come in. |
| 2 | O - pen your-self to the song. | O - pen your-self to the song. |
| 3 | O - pen your hearts ev - ery - one. | O - pen your hearts ev - ery - one. |
| 4 | Don't be a - fraid of some change. | Don't be a - fraid of some change. |
| 5 | En - ter, re - joice, and come in. | En - ter, re - joice, and come in. |

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To - day will be a joy - ful day; en-ter, re-joice, and come in.

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions, a song of
 2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean, and sun-light

peace for lands a - far and mine. This is my home, the
 beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine; But oth - er lands have

coun - try where my heart is; here are my hopes, my
 sun - light, too, and clo - ver, and skies are ev - ery -

dreams, my ho - ly shrine; But oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are
 where as blue as mine. O hear my song, O God of - all the

beat - ing with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
 na - tions, a song of peace for their land and for mine.