



DOUGLAS UCC
A JUST WORLD FOR ALL

Order of Service for Sunday, July 31, 2022

Eighth 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 *God's Eye is On the Sparrow*

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

Reader: Kathleen Mueller

One: O give thanks to God, for God is good;

Many: For God's steadfast love endures forever.

One: Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way;

Many: Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.

One: Then they cried to God in their trouble,

Many: And God delivered them from their distress.

One: God led them until they reached an inhabited town.

Many: Let us give thanks to God for God's steadfast love.

One: For God satisfies the thirsty, and fills the hungry with good things.

Many: Let the wise give heed to these things, and consider the love of God.

Amen.

***Opening Hymn,**

Love of the Lord

(Green Gather Hymnal No. 702)

(Find Music at the end of this program)

Unison Prayer

Abundant God, Jesus said that where our treasure is, there our heart will be also. Help us to look deep in our hearts for our true treasure. When we speak of treasure, we do not mean an abundance of material possessions, but rather that which is of supreme value in our lives. The real, the true, the satisfying treasure we seek is an understanding of You, O God. As we seek You and come to know You more fully, we will, indeed, find a rich treasure of life, love, peace, and joy. 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 Henri Nouwen

The society in which we live suggests in countless ways that the way to go is up. Making it to the top, entering the limelight, breaking the record - that's what draws attention and offers us the rewards of money and fame. The way of Jesus is radically different. It is the way not of upward mobility but of downward mobility. In a society in which upward mobility is the norm, downward mobility is not only discouraged but even considered unwise, unhealthy, or downright stupid. Who will freely choose a low-paying job when a high-paying job is being offered? Who will choose the hidden place when there is a place in the limelight? Who will choose to be with one person in great need when many people could be helped during the same time? Who will choose to withdraw to a place of solitude and prayer when there are so many urgent demands from all sides? The descending way of Jesus is the way of downward mobility. It is the way toward the poor, the suffering, the marginal -- toward all who ask for compassion. What do they have to offer? Not success, popularity, or power, but the joy and peace of the children of God. The compassionate life is the life of downward mobility. It is going to the bottom, staying behind the sets, and choosing the last place. Why is the way of Jesus worth choosing? Because it is the way that brings everlasting life. The great paradox which Scripture reveals to us is that real and total freedom is only found through downward mobility. The divine way is indeed the downward way, and so the downward road is the road to heaven.

Soul Investment

The Words of Holy Scripture

One: A Reading of Scripture from Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

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 12:13-21

Many: Glory to you, O Christ.

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

Many: Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily "Where is Your Treasure?" **Rev. Salvatore Sapienza**

Offering & Offertory

"Better"

Jeff Spangler and Peter Black

Composers: Chris Tomlin / Pat Barrett /

Edward Martin Cash

Spiritually Rich

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** *Harvest of Justice (ref., vs 1-3, then refrain)*
(Green Gather Hymnal No. 711)
(Find music at the end of this program)

Benediction

Postlude *God Be With You 'Till We Meet Again*
Peter Black

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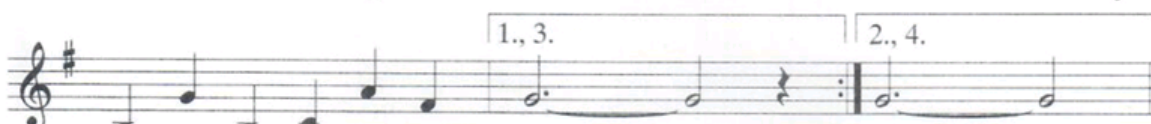
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 3. Sil - ver and gold have I none,
 4. Faith is the wealth I pos - sess



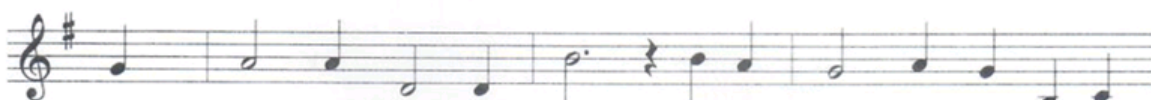
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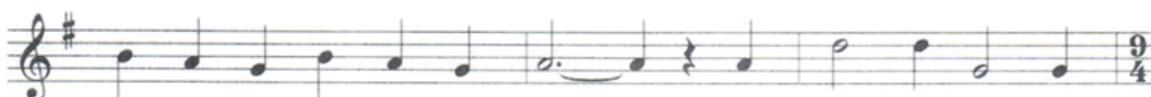
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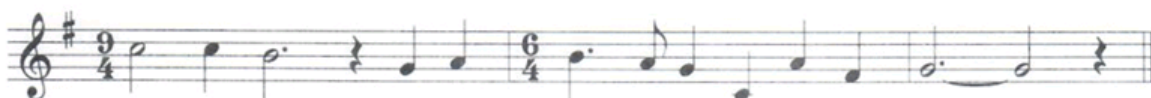
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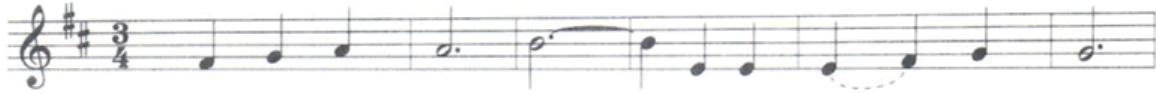


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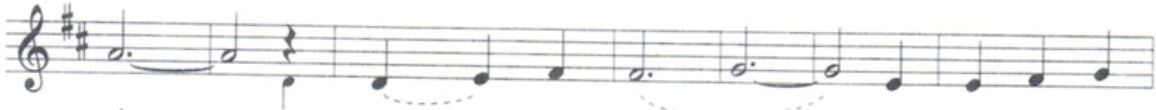


fi - nal wish than to live in the love of the Lord?

711 The Harvest of Justice



(Refrain) May we find rich - ness in the har - vest of jus -
 1. Gath - er with pa - tience } for those who have noth -
 2. For to have mer - cy } on those for - got -
 3. For to have lit - tle is to be in a - bun -



tice which Christ Je - sus has rip - ened for
 ing. Leave them your rich - es, and you will re -
 ten, this is my true law, this is my com -
 dance. To give what re - mains, to give all we



us. Bread for the jour - ney,
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 mand: Clothe the na - ked,
 have, is to walk with the poor ones,



bread for the hun - gry, all for the
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 be home for the or - phan, be hope for the
 and be - come the stran - ger, one with the



glo - ry and praise of God.
 Lord, the Lord your God.
 wid - ow, and wel - come the lost.
 Lord, the Lord our God.

Text: Philippians 1:11, Leviticus 19:9, 23:22, Deuteronomy 24:19; David Haas, b.1957

Tune: David Haas, b.1957

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