



DOUGLAS UCC
A JUST WORLD FOR ALL

Order of Service for Sunday, July 3, 2022

Fourth 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 *Shenandoah (American Folk Song)*
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: Stan Greene

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 see 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,**

Healing River

(Green Gather Hymnal No. 584)

(Find Music at the end of this program)

Unison Prayer

Loving God, July 4th Weekend, which commemorates the signing of the Declaration of Independence of the United States of America, has become a symbol of freedom for all people. 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 know that when we let go of fear and meet life with courage and faith, we discover how great your power is within us. 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 *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

Rev. Mary Luti, UCC Minister

In my circles, whenever you say something good about America, you have to add an immediate disclaimer. “It’s a great country, but…” We oppress people. We support dictators. Our unfettered markets crush the poor. We make careless wars. We spy on everybody in the name of security. We can’t wait to frack away the future. When the national anthem’s sung at the ball game, it’s hard to feel patriotic without our country’s flaws elbowing their way into consciousness, messing up the heart-swelling moment. There’s no getting around it: it’s undeniable and true—we’re not what we’re cracked up to be. Yet, I love this country wholeheartedly. I don’t believe it’s naïve or un-prophetic to do so. Scripture says we should—or at least that we should pray for our leaders, a form of love we often neglect. We have to hold our country’s feet to the fire of its ideals, but the work of shaping a just society isn’t hold-your-nose-work. You can’t mend flaws with contempt. You can’t bind wounds with disgust. You can’t redeem what you don’t love. Without love you can only punish and damn. If loving America is unfashionable in your circles, July 4th Weekend is a good time to reclaim the practice. Knowing all you know, love anyway. Love America’s originating spirit of fairness and freedom. Love its vision of equality, justice, and full participation. Love its creativity and openness. Love baseball, fireworks, purple mountain majesties, oceans white with foam, maybe even NASCAR. Eat a hot dog today (okay, a veggie dog on a gluten-free roll), wave a flag, drive your Chevy to the levee, cheer the weird floats in the town parade. Fog up when they play the anthem. Love your country. Pray hard for its good. Then get back to work.

Surprising Prophets

The Words of Holy Scripture

One: A Reading of Scripture from Isaiah 66:10-14

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 10:1-11

Many: Glory to you, O Christ.

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

Many: Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily "Independence & Interdependence" **Rev. Salvatore Sapienza**

Offering & Offertory "Peace Canon"
Pamela Chappell
Composer: Pamela Chappell

One Person at a Time

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**

Go Down Moses
(Green Gather Hymnal No. 714)
(Find Music at the end of this program)

Benediction

Postlude

Rhapsody in Blue (Opening Theme)
Peter Black

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Healing River 584



1. O heal - ing riv - er, send down your
 2. This land is parch - ing, this land is
 3. Let the seed of free - dom, a - wake and



wa - ters, Send down your wa - ters up - on this
 burn - ing, No seed is grow - ing in the bar - ren
 flour - ish, Let the deep roots nour - ish, let the tall stalks



land. O heal - ing riv - er, send down your
 ground. O heal - ing riv - er, send down your
 rise. O heal - ing riv - er, send down your



wa - ters, And wash the blood from off the sand.
 wa - ters, O heal - ing riv - er, send your wa - ters down.
 wa - ters, O heal - ing riv - er, from out of the skies.

**The assembly echoes each phrase of the cantor at the interval of one half measure.*

Text: Fran Minkoff.
 Tune: Fred Hellerman; arr. by Michael Joncas, b.1951
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715 Go Down, Moses



1. When Is - rael was in E - gypt's land:
2. The Lord told Mo - ses what to do,
3. As Is - rael stood by the wa - ter side,
4. When they had reached the oth - er shore,
5. Oh, let us all from bond - age flee,



Let my peo - ple go: Op - pressed so hard they
 To lead the chil - dren of
 At God's com - mand it
 They sang the song of
 And let us all in



could not stand,
 Is - rael through,
 did di - vide, Let my peo - ple go. Go down,
 tri - umph o'er,
 Christ be free,



Mo - ses, 'Way down in E - gypt land,



Tell ol' Phar - aoh, to let my peo - ple go.

