



DOUGLAS UCC
A JUST WORLD FOR ALL

Order of Service for Sunday, June 11, 2023

Second 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 *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

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 33

Reader: Greg Sherman

One: Sing to God a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

Many: For the word of God is just, and all God's work is done in faithfulness.

One: God loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love God.

Many: By the word of God the heavens were made, and all their host by God's breath.

One: God gathered the waters of the sea as in a bottle; God put the deeps in storehouses.

Many: Let all the earth and all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of God.

One: The counsel of God stands forever, the thoughts of God's heart to all generations.

Many: In God our hearts rejoice. We trust in God's holy name. Amen.

***Opening Hymn,**

There is a Balm

(Green Gather Hymnal No.648)

(Find Music at the end of this program)

Unison Prayer

Loving God: Through prayer, your Son, Jesus, affirmed health and wholeness, bringing about remarkable results. The power of prayer aligns us with the spiritual quality of wholeness and reminds us that our essential nature is health and well-being. Your power, O God, is at work in every cell of our bodies. Divine life flows through every aspect of our being. Thank you for your healing power flowing through our bodies and healing our lives. 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 Richard Mekdeci

Jesus never took credit for any of the healing miracles depicted in the Bible. The woman who touched the hem of Jesus' garment was healed without his intervention. He told her, "Daughter, your belief has made you whole." In another miracle, Jesus tells a similar thing to a blind man who is healed: "Go, for your faith has made you well." And, to the man at the pool of Bethesda, Jesus asks, "Do you want to be made well?"- indicating that the man had to take part in his own healing. Similarly, the centurion who asked for his daughter to be healed was told, "Let it be done to you according to your belief." In our current understanding of the nature of God, our relationship with God, and our own nature, we see that healing is not given to us by any outside power or entity. Healing is brought forth or "revealed" according to one's belief. How does one acquire faith powerful enough to heal oneself? For healing to occur, we need only have the same faith in our own divine nature that we would have placed in Jesus himself. Jesus said, "These and greater things YOU can do." He knew his job was not to heal but to inspire healing by his example. The healing miracles in the Bible are possible to anyone who has the same faith in themselves to heal as those in the Bible stories had in Jesus to heal them. We are not made whole by some mystical outside power, but by the power of our own belief.

It Is Done to You as You Believe

The Words of Holy Scripture

One: A Reading of Scripture from Genesis 12:1-9

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 9:18-26

Many: Glory to you, O Christ.

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

Many: Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily
Sapienza

“Do You Believe in Miracles?,” Rev. Salvatore

Offering & Offertory

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 Blessing 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!

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***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 *A Communion Hymn*

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again.

Pass the Word around: Loaves abound!

(Repeat - first time quietly, second time louder)

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**

I Danced in the Morning

(Green Gather Hymnal No.708)

(Find Music at the end of this program)

Benediction

Postlude

I've Been Changed

Peter Black

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648 There Is a Balm in Gilead

Refrain



There is a balm in Gil-e-ad To make the wound-ed whole,



There is a balm in Gil-e-ad To heal the sin-sick soul.

Verses



1. Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged And
 2. If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, If you
 3. Don't ev - er feel dis - cour - aged, For



think my work's in vain, But then the Ho - ly
 can - not pray like Paul, You can tell the love of
 Je - sus is your friend; And if you lack for



Spir - it Re - vives my soul a - gain.
 Je - sus, And say, "He died for all!"
 knowl - edge He'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

D.C.

Text: Jeremiah 8:22, African-American spiritual

Tune: BALM IN GILEAD, Irregular; African-American spiritual; acc. by Robert J. Batastini, b.1942, © 1987, GIA Publications, Inc.

708 I Danced in the Morning



1. I danced in the morn - ing when the world was be - gun, And I
2. I danced for the scribe and the phar - i - see, But
3. I danced on the Sab - bath and I cured the lame: The
4. I danced on a Fri - day when the sky turned black; It's
5. They cut me down and I leap up high; †



danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, And I
 they would-n't dance, and they would-n't fol - low me; I
 ho - ly peo - ple said it was a shame. They
 hard to dance with the dev - il on your back. They
 I am the life that - 'll nev - er, nev - er die; I'll



came down from heav - en and I danced on the earth; At
 danced for the fish - er - men, for James and John; They
 whipped and they stripped and they hung me high, And
 bur - ied my bod - y and they thought I'd gone; But
 live in you if you'll live in me: †



Beth - le - hem I had my birth.
 came with me and the dance went on.
 left me there on a cross to die.
 I am the dance and I still go on.
 I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.



Dance then wher - ev - er you may be; I am the



Lord of the dance, said he, And I'll lead you all, wher -

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ev-er you may be, And I'll lead you all in the dance,said he.

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