



DOUGLAS UCC
A JUST WORLD FOR ALL

Order of Service for Sunday, June 12, 2022

Trinity Sunday

Thank you for joining us today.

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***- stand if you wish to, and are able.**

Congressional Responses in Bold

Prelude *Heal the World*
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 8

Reader: Chris Clark

One: O God, our Creator, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Many: You, O God, have set your glory above the heavens.

One: When we look at your heavens, O God, we see the work of your fingers.

Many: We see you in the moon and the stars and in all that you have created.

One: Who are we that you are mindful of us? Who are we that you care for us?

Many: You have crowned us, O God, with glory and have given honor to us.

One: You created for us sheep and oxen, beasts of the field, and the fish of the sea.

Many: You, O God, have given us responsibility to care for your creation.

One: You have set your glory above the heavens.

Many: How majestic is your name in all the earth!

***Opening Hymn,**

All Creatures of Our God and King (vs. 1-4)

(Green Gather Hymnal No.533)

(Find Music at the end of this program)

Unison Prayer

God, our hearts are in pain at the senseless deaths caused by gun violence. Families mourn, children live in fear, and some in our nation respond by arming themselves with more guns with greater capacity to end life. We ask that you touch our hearts with your love, and turn us away from violence toward peace. Let our voices be raised asking our legislators to enact gun laws to protect all in our society, especially those most vulnerable. Let our pens write messages demanding change while also scripting words of hope and transformation. We ask this in the name of the God who desires that we live together in peace. 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

Cynthia Bourgeault from her book *The Holy Trinity & the Law of Three*

With so many urgent practical issues facing spiritual humanity, why waste time with the Trinity, a doctrine that most of the world (and even much of Christianity) regards as contrived and irrelevant? It takes a real stretch of the theological imagination to claim that it was ever a part of the original Jesus teachings or that it does a single thing to clarify or enhance these teachings. In fact, the eminent twentieth-century theologian Karl Rahner has claimed that if the Trinity were to quietly disappear out of Christian theology, never to be mentioned again, most of Christendom would not even notice its absence! I, however, believe that embedded within this theological formula which we recite mostly on automatic pilot (“In the name of the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit”) lies a powerful metaphysical principle that could change our understanding of Christianity and give us the tools so long and so sorely needed to cooperate consciously with the manifestation of Jesus’ “Kingdom of Heaven” here on earth. That principle is called *The Law of Three*. If the universe is created in the image of the Creator and the Creator is a Trinity, it begs the question: What if we don’t live in a binary universe, but instead in ternary universe? Let’s consider a simple example. A seed, as Jesus said, “unless it falls into the ground and dies, remains a single seed.” If this seed does fall into the ground, it enters a sacred transformative process. Seed, the first force, meets ground, the second force. But nothing will happen until sunlight, the third force, enters the equation. Then among the three they generate a sprout, which is the actualization of the possibility in the seed—and a whole new “field” of possibility. The Law of Three teaches us that a new kingdom is just waiting to be born.

Wisdom Calls

The Words of Holy Scripture

One: A Reading of Scripture from Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

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

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Lesson

One: The Holy Gospel according to John 16:12-15

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

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

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

Homily "The Power of Three" **Rev. Salvatore Sapienza**

Offering & Offertory **Jeff Spangler & Peter Black**
Composers: Bert Bacharach and Rudy Perez

Spirit of Wisdom

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** *Let There Be Peace on Earth*
(Green Gather Hymnal No.731)
(Find Music at the end of this program)

Benediction

Postlude *I've Been Changed*
Peter Black

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1. All crea - tures of our God and King, Lift
 2. O rush - ing wind and breez - es soft, O
 3. O flow - ing wa - ters, pure and clear, Make
 4. Dear moth - er earth, who day by day Un -
 5. O ev - 'ry one of ten - der heart, For -



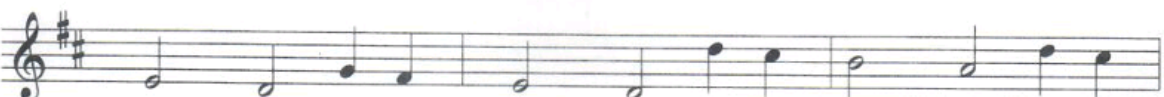
up your voice and with us sing: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 clouds that ride the winds a - loft: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 mu - sic for your Lord to hear. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 folds rich bless - ings on our way, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 giv - ing oth - ers, take your part, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



lu - ia! O burn - ing sun with gold - en beam And
 lu - ia! O ris - ing morn, in praise re - jice, O
 lu - ia! O fire so mas - ter - ful and bright, Pro -
 lu - ia! The fruits and flow'rs that ver - dant grow, Let
 lu - ia! All you who pain and sor - row bear, Praise



sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam:
 lights of eve - ning, find a voice.
 vid - ing us with warmth and light, Al - le -
 them God's glo - ry al - so show.
 God and cast on God your care.



lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

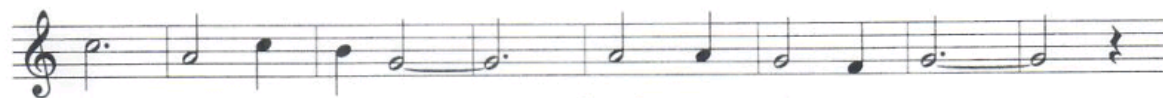
731 Let There Be Peace on Earth



Let there be peace on earth, and let it be - gin with me.



Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With



God as our Fa-ther, broth - ers
fam - 'ly all are we.



Let me walk with my broth-er
us each oth-er in per-fect har-mo - ny.



Let peace be - gin with me; let this be the mo-ment now.



With ev - 'ry step I take, let this be my sol-emn vow; To



take each mo-ment, and live each mo-ment in peace e - ter-nal - ly!



Let there be peace on earth, and let it be - gin with me.