



**DOUGLAS UCC**  
A JUST WORLD FOR ALL

**Order of Service for Sunday, June 18, 2023**

## **Third Sunday after Pentecost**

**Thank you for joining us today.**

For Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Prayer List, [visit this week's E-Pistle here](#), where you can also subscribe to receive it by email, if you like.

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

### **Congressional Responses in Bold**

**Prelude**     *Talk About a Child that Do Love Jesus*

**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 116**

**Reader: Robert Trenary**

One: I love God because God has heard my voice.

***Many: Because God inclined an ear to me, I will call upon God as long as I live.***

One: I suffered distress and anguish, then I called upon the name of God:

***Many: "O God, I am your servant. Loose my bonds and set me free."***

One: God heard me and saved me. What shall I return to God for God's bounty to me?

***Many: I will lift up the cup of salvation and give thanks to God.***

One: I will give thanks to God in the presence of God's people.

***Many: I will offer thanksgiving and call upon God's name. Praise be to God!***

### **\*Opening Hymn,**

*You Have Anointed Me*

(Green Gather Hymnal No.676)

(Find Music at the end of this program)

## **Unison Prayer**

**Prayer for Father's Day by Rev. Chuck Currie**

***We give our thanks, O God, for the fathers in our lives. We ask for your blessings for them all and forgiveness where it is needed. Today, we remember the sacrifices fathers make and the ways they lift children to achieve dreams thought beyond reach. Give all fathers the strength to do well by our children and by you. In your Holy name, O God, we pray. 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 Rev. Raymont Anderson**

One major reason people honor and celebrate Juneteenth is that it stirs the fires of aspiration and attunes our inner cry, “*Keep your eyes on the prize!*” It cries out from beyond the graves of our ancestors upon whose shoulders we now stand. It focuses us on the power of faith and it reveals the fortitude of a people who endured and thrived in spite of opposition, terror and oppression. It also acknowledges and honors the support of the abolitionists who were deeply committed to and invested in ensuring freedom and justice for those enslaved. Celebrating Juneteenth is our way of honoring freedom as an inalienable human right and as our essential nature. It is up to each of us to actualize the principle of freedom into a clear, committed intention and then to demonstrate and live it. In our Declaration of Principles, we proclaim, “*We believe the ultimate goal of life to be a complete emancipation from all discord of every nature, and that this goal is sure to be attained by all.*” This is our mandate. We must live this with the understanding that I am not my brother’s keeper — rather, *I am* my brother, *I am* my sister, *I am* my gender-rich sibling. Rugged individualism might seduce us into focusing solely on the individual while ignoring the work needed to emancipate all — everyone — from every discord of every nature. Emma Lazarus, whose words appear on the Statue of Liberty’s pedestal, reminds us, “*Until we are all free, we are none of us free.*” This Juneteenth, “a just world for all” is our clarion call to freedom.

# Spirit of Freedom

## The Words of Holy Scripture

One: A Reading of Scripture from Genesis 18:1-15

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 9:35-10:8

*Many: Glory to you, O Christ.*

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

*Many: Praise to you, O Christ.*

## Homily

“Freedom and Oneness,” Rev. Salvatore Sapienza

## Offering & Offertory

*We Are One*

**Nancy Plantinga**

Composer: Nancy Plantinga

## 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!*

*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** *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**

*We Are Called*

(Green Gather Hymnal No.618)

(Find Music at the end of this program)

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Free at Last*

**Peter Black**

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# 676 You Have Anointed Me

## Verse 1



1. To bring glad tid - ings to the low - ly, to



heal the bro - ken heart, You have a - noint - ed me.



To pro - claim lib - er - ty to cap - tives, re -



lease to pris - on - ers, You have a - noint - ed me.

## Refrain $\text{\$}$



Your Spir - it, O God, is up - on me,



You have a - noint - ed me.

## Verse 2



2. To an - nounce a year of fa - vor, to



com - fort those who mourn, You have a - noint - ed



me. To give to them the oil of glad - ness, and



share a man - tle of joy, You have a - noint - ed me.

# We Are Called 718

Verses



1. Come! Live in the light!  
 2. Come! O - pen your heart!  
 3. Sing! Sing a new song!



Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are  
 Show your mer - cy to all those in fear! We are  
 Sing of that great day when all will be one! God will



called to be light for the king - dom, to  
 called to be hope for the hope - less so all  
 reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God!  
 ha - tred and blind - ness will be no more!  
 sis - ters and broth - ers u - ni - ted in love!

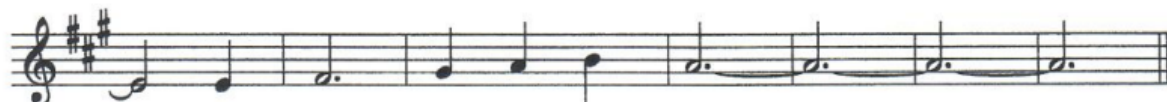
Refrain



We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to



love ten - der - ly, we are called to serve one an - oth - er;



to walk hum - bly with God!