



DOUGLAS UCC
A JUST WORLD FOR ALL

Order of Service for Sunday, June 19, 2022

Juneteenth: Emancipation Day

Thank you for joining us today.

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

Congressional Responses in Bold

Prelude *As the Deer*
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 22

Reader: Ginny Mikita

One: O God, do not be far away!

Many: O my help, come quickly to my aid!

One: Deliver my soul from the sword.

Many: Save me from the power of the oppressor.

One: Save me from the mouth of the lion!

Many: From the horns of the wild oxen, you have rescued me.

One: I will tell of your name to my siblings.

Many: In the midst of the congregation, I will praise you.

One: All the families of the nations shall remember and turn to God.

Many: All the ends of the earth shall worship God with praise. Amen.

***Opening Hymn,**

I Will Lift the Clouds of Night

(Black New Century Hymnal No.482)

(Find Music at the end of this program)

Unison Prayer

Prayer for Juneteenth by Rev. C. Andrew Doyle

Loving God, help us to elevate the character of this nation. In this time of disruption, disrupt us for what is right and true. Disrupt us that we may move and act for the cause of freedom. Today, we honor the courage of the heroic men and women who brought Juneteenth to a reality over 150 years ago. Let their lives and their stories disrupt us and give us courage. Let their non-violence in the face of violence, their love in the face of hate, their hope in the face of despair disrupt our ways and remind us that violence, hate, and despair shall not have the last word. The Emancipation Proclamation is call to action to continue the journey to freedom for all Black Americans and all of God's people. So disrupt us that we may see our purpose to build a better nation and a better world. 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. 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.

In God's Presence

The Words of Holy Scripture

One: A Reading of Scripture from Isaiah 65:1-9

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

Many: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Lesson

One: The Holy Gospel according to Luke 8:26-39

Many: Glory to you, O Christ.

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

Many: Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily "Spirit of Freedom" **Rev. Salvatore Sapienza**

Offering & Offertory "Danny Boy"
Max Brown & Peter Black
Composer: Frederic Weatherly

The Spirit of Freedom

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** *Great is Thy Faithfulness*
(Black New Century Hymnal No.423)
(Find Music at the end of this program)

Benediction

Postlude *Lift Every Voice and Sing*
Peter Black

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I Will Lift the Cloud of Night

Charles P. Jones, 1916; alt.

1 I will lift the cloud of night be - fore you, what is
 2 With an ev - er - last - ing love I'll love you, though with
 3 Al - though Sa - tan in a rage would tear you, and with
 4 I will lift the cloud of night be - fore you, I will

wrong I'll make it right be - fore you, all your bat - tles I will
 tri - als I will test and prove you, still there's noth - ing that can
 ev - ery win - ning art would snare you, yet from youth to your old
 make the crook - ed straight be - fore you, I will spread my wings pro -

fight be - fore you, and the high place I'll bring down.
 hurt or move you; and the high place I'll bring down.
 age I'll bear you and the high place I'll bring down.
 tect - ing o'er you; and the high place I'll bring down.

Refrain

When you walk and lose the way I'll lead you; on the

COMFORT AND ASSURANCE

pro-duce of the land I'll feed you; And a home with-in my heart I'll

The first system of musical notation consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature. The melody in the upper staff begins with a series of eighth notes, followed by a quarter note, and then a series of eighth notes. The lyrics are printed below the upper staff.

deed you; and the high place I'll bring down.

The second system of musical notation also consists of two staves in the same key signature and clefs as the first system. The melody in the upper staff continues with a series of eighth notes, followed by a quarter note, and then a series of eighth notes. The lyrics are printed below the upper staff.

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Great Is Your Faithfulness

Lam. 3:22-23

Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923; alt.

1 Great is your faith - ful - ness, O God, Cre - a - tor,*
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace so en - dur - ing,

with you no shad - ow of turn - ing we see.
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove,
 your own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide.

You do not change, your com - pas - sions they fail not;
 Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

all of your good - ness for - ev - er will be.
 to your great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 bless - ings all mine with ten thou - sand be - side.

*originally "my Father"

This hymn was one of a number sent by poet Thomas O.

Tune: FAITHFULNESS 11.10.11.10. with

THANKSGIVING

Refrain

Great is your faith-ful-ness! Great is your faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

morn-ing new mer - cies I see; All I have need - ed your

hand has pro - vid - ed, Great is your faith - ful-ness, God, un - to me!

