



DOUGLAS UCC
A JUST WORLD FOR ALL

Order of Service for Sunday, June 23, 2024

Happy Pride!

Thank you for joining us today.

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Congregational Responses in Bold

“Society frowns at disagreeableness. As human beings we are hardwired to seek the approval of those around us. Yet a radical and transformative thought goes nowhere without the willingness to challenge convention.”

-Malcolm Gladwell, writer

Lighting the Candles & Ringing in the Hour

Let us recognize the light of the world within us and ring in the hour of worship.

Welcome & Announcements

Centering Music *For All the Children*
(congregation joins Cantor after verse)

*O may our hearts and minds be opened,
fling the church doors open wide.
May there be room enough for everyone inside.
For in God, there is a welcome, in God we all belong.
May that welcome be our song.*

Call to Worship (enfleshed.com, adapted)

One: Storms of violence rage, the logic of oppressive systems play out in real time. We plead with the Holy to make it stop.

Many: **Divine Power, wake up! Do not sleep while the world is raging!**

One: Storms stir more frequently, loom more frightfully in oceans warmed by corporate greed or in social media posts shouted from silos of isolation.

Many: **We plead with the Holy to make it stop. Divine Power, wake up! Do not sleep while the storms are churning!**

One: Storms brew, even in our own spirits, the vessels of our bodies toss and turn with grief, fatigue, depression, and anxiety.

Many: **We plead with the Holy to make it stop. Divine Power, wake up! Do not sleep while we are untethered in this liminal space!**

One: In this hour, let us shake awake the Divine Power of our Collective Desire.

Many: **We will wake up the Holy with our unified cries!**

Opening Hymn *Come to the Waters*
(See music at the end of this program.)

Opening Prayer HP Rivers, queer, neurodivergent, pagan,
UU-ordained minister

God of creative diversity, bless the wanderers, seeking affirmation. Bless the worshipers, praying from closets, pulpits, pews, and hardship. Bless the lovers of leaving, leaving family and familiarity, leaving tables where love is not being served. Bless those who stay. Bless those who live their authentic selves in spite of the opposition. Bless those outcast disciples of truth, living, breathing, sacred reflections of divine love. Bless us as we celebrate all those who seek a place at the table, a welcome in the beloved community. Amen.

Assurance of Grace & Peace

One: Peace be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

One: Let us offer one another a sign of Peace.

***Passing the Peace** *No Matter*

No matter who, no matter what, no matter where you are in the journey of life, you're welcome, welcome in this place.

No matter who, no matter what, no matter where your are on the journey of life, accepted, welcomed by God's grace. (repeat after verse)

Words of Integration & Guidance

Malcolm Gladwell, David and Goliath: Underdogs, Misfits, and the Art of Battling Giants

“It was not the privileged and the fortunate who took in the Jews in France. It was the marginal and damaged, which should remind us that there are real limits to what evil and misfortune can accomplish. If you take away the gift of reading, you create the gift of listening. If you bomb a city, you leave behind death and destruction. But you create a community of remote misses. If you take away a mother or a father, you cause suffering and despair. But one time in ten, out of that despair rises an indomitable force. You see the giant and the shepherd in the valley and your eye is drawn to the man with sword and shield and the glittering armor. But so much of what is beautiful and valuable in the world comes from the shepherd, who has more strength and purpose than we ever imagine.”

***Doxology Grateful**

*Grateful for the life you give us, thankful for your holy son,
joyful in your spirit flowing over all O God of love.
Grateful for the bread of heaven, thankful for your holy word,
joyful in your mercy flowing, we will praise You.*

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 Santo Santo

*Santo, santo, santo, mi corazon te adora.
Mi corazón te sabe decir, santo eres Dios.
Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you.
My heart is glad to say the words, You are holy God.*

Preparing the Elements We Share a Hunger

*We share a hunger: a hunger for justice in our world,
that all may find joy, all may find wholeness, all may find peace.
We share a hunger: a hunger to feel the light of Christ
shining through us, shining on all, bringing God's reign.*

***Sharing of the Bread & Cup** (gluten-free option, non-alcoholic juice in trays)

Receive the Bread of Life. **Amen.**

The Cup of Love, the Drink of Compassion. **Amen.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

Our beloved Parent, your name shines forth in the diversity of creation. May your peace, love, justice, and inclusion reign on earth as in heaven. Grant that all might have their daily needs met, that all might find a loving community to call their own. Forgive us for the ways that we have fallen short and failed your beloved children as we forgive those who might have failed us. Lead us away from the temptation to be complacent in the face of injustice. Instead give us courage to stand up and stand with all your beloved children. May your love and justice be made manifest now and forever. Amen.

***Closing** *Joys Are Flowing Like a River (Blessed Quietness)*
New Century Hymnal #284

Benediction

Postlude *It Is Well With My Soul (arr by James Koerts)*

Come to the Waters

Opening Hymn

Sue Strachan

Come, Je - sus is call - ing to you. "Reach

5
out, take my hand, you'll not fall. — Come,

10
come, I am wait - ing for you, o'er the wa - ters of

14 (Last time, Fine)
life, hear my call." — 1."Reach out in
2."Walk out in

18
faith, cross the wa - ters to me. Your hand in
faith, take the risk if you can. I bring you

22
mind, that's the way it should be.
peace, come a - long take my hand.

25
Stretch out in faith, take my hand if you will.
Step out in faith, I will car - ry you on.

29
Wa - ters be calm! Winds be still."
You may be weak; I am strong."

Joys Are Flowing like a River

(Blessed Quietness)

Matt. 8:26; John 14:16; Ps. 46:4

Manie Payne Ferguson (b. 1850); alt.

1 Joys are flow-ing like a riv - er, since the Com - fort - er has
 2 Bring-ing life and health and glad-ness all a - round, this heav-en-ly
 3 Like the rain that falls from heav-en, like the sun - light from the
 4 See, a fruit-ful field is grow-ing, bless-ed fruit of righ - teous -
 5 What a won - der - ful sal - va - tion, when we al - ways see Christ's

come; Christ a - bides with us for - ev - er, makes the
 Guest Ban-ished un - be - lief and sad - ness, changed our
 sky, So the Spir - it too is giv - en, com - ing
 ness; And the streams of life are flow - ing in the
 face, What a per - fect hab - i - ta - tion, what a

Refrain
 trust - ing heart a home.
 wea - ri - ness to rest.
 on us from on high. Bless-ed qui - et - ness, ho - ly
 lone - ly wil - der - ness.
 qui - et rest - ing place.

qui - et - ness what as - sur - ance in my soul. On the
 storm-y sea, Je - sus speaks to me, and the bil-lows cease to roll.