



DOUGLAS UCC
A JUST WORLD FOR ALL

Order of Service for Sunday, June 2, 2024

Happy Pride!



Thank you for joining us today.

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

Congregational Responses in Bold

Ringling in the Hour & Lighting of Altar Candles

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Music

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's wings, I see glory on each face.
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.*

Call to Worship

(ONA Coalition, adapted)

Reader: Chris Clark

One: We are grateful for the gift of our lives and the gift of others in our lives.

Many: Each of us is created with dignity and worth.

One: We are called to love each other and to do nothing to others that we would find hateful to ourselves.

Many: We honor the many ways that people live and love.

One: We repent for the times when our faith traditions have named lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people unworthy.

Many: Love does not exclude. We are all worthy.

One: We all suffer when LGBTQ persons are oppressed, excluded and shamed by religious people who overlook the call to justice.

Many: True justice flourishes when we all can live with authenticity and integrity.

One: May we work to build a community where LGBTQ people are celebrated as full and equal members, recognizing their many gifts.

Many: Today we again celebrate diversity in sexual orientation and gender identity and expression as blessings that enrich us all.

***Opening Hymn**

*Sing a New World into Being
(Music at the end of this program)*

Opening Prayer

St. John's Presbyterian Church, SF, CA

God of wild love and extravagant acceptance, spirit of boldness and beauty, you are faithfully present in both the grit and glitter of life, and you are present here with us now. Awaken us to your dream for creation; a world in which every member of the human family is free to flourish however you have made them. Forgive us for the moments we have held back your ever-flowing current of love, dignity, and justice. Remake us into a people eager to see you in the faces, bodies, and expressions of all people. Remind each of us to step out of the shadows of our lives and shine fearlessly and courageously. Ignite the divine light within us to sparkle through the prism of our bodies and brighten every corner of this Earth. Holy One, you call each of us beloved, each of us cherished, each of us desired, each of us sacred. We give you thanks now and forever. 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

Peace I Leave With You

***Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you.
Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.
Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you.
Not as the world gives, I give my peace to you.
Not as the world gives, I give my peace to you.***

Words of Integration & Guidance

Simon Sinek

Disruptions come from organizations usually outside of your purview. You see it all over the place, which – and I think the church as an industry looks a lot like the music industry, the film industry, the television industry – which is, “This is the way we’ve always done it. This is how we got big, this is how we got successful, this is how we spread our message, this is how we know... this is what I know how to do because this is what I’ve been doing for 10 years, 20 years, 30 years.” So, either I’m afraid to change because I only know how to do this, or this made me successful and yet I cannot accept what got me *here* won’t get me *there*. Also, the world around me is changing, technology is changing, politics are changing, culture is changing, and I can’t do what I used to do. Sears can’t keep sending out catalogs. It’s not the world we live in anymore. They were the most productive company in the world when that was a thing.

We Listen and Respond to The Still Speaking God

The Christian Scripture

A reading from **II Corinthians 4:7-9 & 16-18** (adapted)

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Lesson

One: The Gospel according to **Mark 2:23-3:6**

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

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

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

Homily

What is Our Why?

Rev. Jody Betten

Offering & Offertory

Offertory Meditation

Peter Black

Joys & Concerns/ Tibetan Prayer Bell

One: Thanks be to God! All: **Alleluia!**

One: O God, All: **Hear our prayer.**

***Doxology**

Give Thanks to the Lord

***Give thanks to the Lord for God is good, and God's mercy shall endure,
For God alone has done marv'lous things, give thanks unto the Lord.
God made the earth and heaven with a strong and mighty hand.
God has moved us to sing, proclaim this song! Give thanks unto our God.
(please be seated)***

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 Lord

Holy, holy, Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glo-o-ry.

Ho-oh-oh-san-na in the high-est.

Blessed the One who comes in the na - me of the Lord, in the name of our God.

Ho-oh-oh-sanna in the high - est, Ho-oh-oh-sanna in the highest.

Breaking of the Bread

The Body of Christ

This is the body of Christ, broken that we may be whole;

this cup, as promised by God, true to God's word, cradles our Lord;

Food for the good of the soul.

Sharing of the Bread & Cup

(gluten-free option, non-alcoholic juice in trays)

The Bread of Life, the Gift of Heaven. **Amen.**

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

These are the gifts of God for you today!

Prayer of Thanksgiving & The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Kim Sorrells, adapted

Our beloved Parent, in whom we move and breathe and have our being, your wondrous name shines forth in the diversity of your children. May your peace and love, justice and equality, inclusion and belonging reign here on Earth as in heaven. Grant that our queer loved ones might have their daily needs met—that they might find gainful employment without discrimination; that they might have access to medical care without fear; that they might have their rights and lives protected, and that they might find a loving community to belong to and call their own. Forgive us for the ways that we have fallen short and failed your queer children. Forgive us of the times we turned away, or did not care; for the times we laughed or judged their unique expression of your image; for the times we have misspoken, asked too much, or failed to hear; as we forgive those who might have failed us. Lead us away from the temptation to be complacent in the face of injustice. But instead give us courage to stand up and stand with your beloved children. For your love and justice is to be made manifest now and forever. Amen.

***Hymn of Sending**

I Danced in the Morning

(Green Gather Hymnal #708)

***Benediction**

Postlude

Revive Us Again
Peter Black

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and the work of our service groups here:

www.douglasucc.org

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Sing a New World Into Being

Opening Song -

sung to the tune of Come O Fount of Every Blessing

Mary Louise Bringle

Nettleton

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. It consists of six staves of music, each with three lines of lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: Sing a new church in - to be - ing. Sound a
Sing a new church in - to be - ing where each
Sing a new world in - to be - ing where the
bold and hope-ful theme. Find a tune for si - lent
gen - der class and race brings its rain - bow gifts and
home - less find a home, where no chil - dren ev - er
yearn - ings, lend your voice and dare to dream. Dream a
col - ors to God's lim - it - less em - brace. Where the
hun - ger but are filled with God's sha - lom. Where all
church where all who wor - ship find their
lines that once di - vi - ded form in -
peo - ple work for jus - tice, where all
lives and loves be - long. Sing a new church in - to
stead the ties that bind. Sing a new church in - to
hate and ven - geance cease. Sing a new world in - to
be - ing. Sing as Christ in - spires your song.
be - ing risk trans - form - ing heart and mind.
be - ing, raise the har - mo - ny of peace.

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 -



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