



DOUGLAS UCC
A JUST WORLD FOR ALL

Order of Service for Sunday, March 13, 2022

Second Sunday in Lent

Thank you for joining us today.

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

Congressional Responses in Bold

Prelude *Draw Me Nearer*, 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 *Take, O Take Me As I Am*

Take, O take me as I am.

Summon out what I shall be.

Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

Call to Worship

Psalm 27

Reader: Eric Lejeune

One: God is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

Many: God is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

One: Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear.

Many: Though war rise up against me, yet I will remain confident.

One: One thing I asked of God, that will I seek after:

Many: To live in the house of God all the days of my life.

One: To behold the beauty of God, and to inquire in God's temple.

Many: For God will hide me in God's shelter in the day of trouble;

One: Wait for God and be strong,

Many: Let your heart take courage; wait for God!

***Opening Hymn,**

Shelter Me, O God

(Green Gather Hymnal No.636)

(Find Music at the end of this program)

Unison Prayer

Loving God, this Lenten season, help us to give up whatever it is that distracts us from the love and joy to which You created us to live and to be. Help us to give up resentment and become more forgiving. Help us to give up complaining and be more grateful. Help us to give up pessimism and become more hopeful. Help us to give up worry and become more trusting. Help us to give up anger and become more patient, to give up gloom and become more joyful. O Loving Creator, help us to release all the things that no longer serve us so that we may walk more fully in the Light of the Christ within us. 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** *Send Your Spirit to Set Us Free*

***Send your Spirit to set us free. Send your Spirit to set us free.
Fill our hearts and minds, loose the chains that bind.
Send your Spirit to set us free.***

Words of Integration & Guidance

By Juanita Clark

This morning's Gospel reading gives us a glimpse into the inner life of Jesus at a time when Herod is literally out to kill him. Jesus traveled to the city of Jerusalem to continue his ministry. I can only imagine how terrifying it must have been living back in the time of Jesus, to be poor and homeless, walking the streets of a city of like Jerusalem. Jesus tells us it was: "a city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it"! Yet Jesus, instead of running for his life, defiantly tells the Pharisees that he is going nowhere. If we were to translate into modern day language what Jesus is really saying, my sense is it would be something like: "Get out of my way, and stop wasting my time! I've got important work to do - and neither you, nor anyone else, is going to throw me off track!" Clearly, the threats of Herod (who is depicted in today's Gospel reading as "the fox") has no control over Jesus, who describes himself a "mother hen" wishing to gather her children under her wings. So what insight can we gain about Jesus depicting himself as a hen and Herod as a fox? Well, a fox uses cunning to get around obstacles, instead of confronting them head on. A hen may not be as cunning as the worldly fox, but is smart in ways that matter. Did you know a hen will actually alarm her chicks if she senses danger is present? She will position herself between the danger and her chick. She will even die so that her chicks might live, hiding them under her outstretched wings. In the world, the hen may be no match for the fox, but the hen's personal qualities certainly parallel those of Jesus. Regardless of what he encountered in his path, Jesus kept his focus on his mission, even when he knew great danger and death were inevitable. Each year during the season of Lent, we are called to experience the way of the Cross. Therefore, my fellow travelers, let's plant our feet firmly on the Lenten path, walking with God as our companion; walking through resistance, discomfort and pain, and taking the time to rest under the shadow of God's wings.

The Journey to Jerusalem

The Words of Holy Scripture

One: A Reading of Scripture from Philippians 3:17–4:1

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 13:31-35

Many: Glory to you, O Christ.

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

Many: Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily "The Fox and the Hen," Rev. Salvatore Sapienza

Offering & Offertory *"Imagine:*
Jeff Spangler and Peter Black
Composer: John Lennon

Strong and Tender

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 blessings 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** (Isaiah 6:3)

*Holy holy holy, Lord, God of Hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of Thee.
Heaven and earth are praising Thee.
O Lord most high.
(Please be seated)*

Sharing of the Bread & Cup

Receive the Bread of Life. **Amen.**
The Cup of Love, the Drink of Compassion. **Amen.**

Always and Everywhere

***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** *Jerusalem, My Destiny (vs 1-4)*
(Green Gather Hymnal No.390)
(Find Music at the End of this Program)

***Benediction**

Postlude, *We Have Heard the Joyful Sound*, Peter Black

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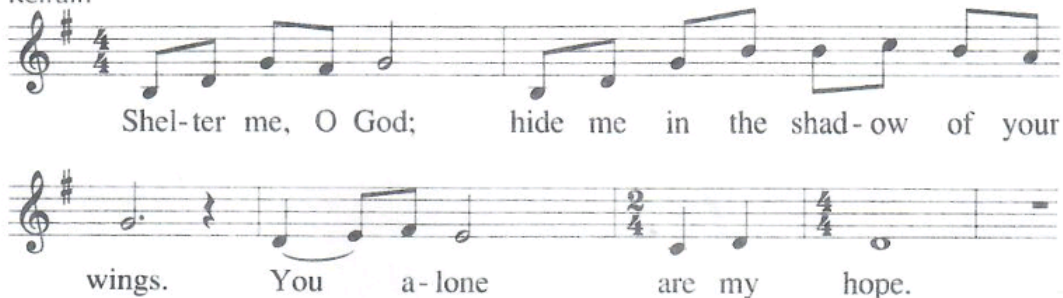
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636 Shelter Me, O God

Refrain



Shel-ter me, O God; hide me in the shad-ow of your
wings. You a-lone are my hope.

COMFORT

Verses



1. When my foes sur - round me, set me high a - bove their
2. As a moth - er gath - ers her young be - neath her
3. Though I walk in dark - ness, through the nee - dle's eye of
reach. Hear me when I call your name.
care, gath - er me in - to your arms.
death, you will nev - er leave my side.

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Jerusalem, My Destiny 390

Refrain

I have fixed my eyes on your hills, Je - ru - sa - lem, my
des - ti - ny! Though I can - not see the end for me, I
can - not turn a - way. We have set our hearts for the
way; this jour - ney is our des - ti - ny. Let
no - one walk a - lone. The jour - ney makes us one.

Verses

1. Oth - er spir - its, less - er gods, have court - ed
2. See, I leave the past be - hind; a new land
3. In my thirst, you let me drink the wa - ters
4. All the worlds I have not seen you o - pen
5. To the tombs I went to mourn the hope I
me with lies. Here a - mong you
calls to me. Here a - mong you
of your life. Here a - mong you
to my view. Here a - mong you
thought was gone. Here a - mong you

D.C.

I have found a truth which bids me rise.
now I find a glimpse of what might be.
I have met the sa - viour, Je - sus Christ.
I have found a vi - sion, bright and new.
I a - woke to un - ex - pect - ed dawn.