



DOUGLAS UCC
A JUST WORLD FOR ALL

Order of Service for Sunday, May 15, 2022

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Thank you for joining us today.

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

Congressional Responses in Bold

Prelude *Of The Father's Love Begotten*
Arrangement by Mark Hayes
Bob Ruddy

(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) *Arise, Shine*

*Arise, shine, for your light has come.
And the glory of our God has risen upon you like the sun.
Lift your eyes, look around, rejoice.
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Call to Worship

Reader: Mike Valdez

Psalm 148

One: Praise God from the heavens; praise God in the heights!

Many: Praise God, sun and moon; praise God, all you shining stars!

One: Praise God, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

Many: Let them praise the name of God, for God commanded and they were created.

One: Praise God from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;

Many: Snow and frost, mountains and hills, fruit trees and cedars, praise God!

One: Beast of the forest and all cattle, crawling things and flying birds!

Many: Young men and women alike, old and young together!

One: God has raised up a horn for the people with praise for all who are close to God.

**Many: Let us praise the name of God, whose glory is above earth and heaven.
Amen.**

***Opening Hymn,**

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

(Green Gather Hymnal No.726)

(Find Music at the end of this program)

Unison Prayer

God of Love, you are the thread that weaves together the fabric of all human life and connects everything in the universe. Today, I affirm that I, too, am love. Love is the essence and purpose of my very being. Help me, O God, to use the power of love in my everyday life. Help me to look at the world through the eyes of love and focus on the good in each person and situation I encounter. If I cannot find the good, I lean on my faith on You and trust that the omnipresent power of love is always present, even when I can't see it. I turn to You and connect with the presence of love within me. Love is the essence of who I am, and I am able to call upon the power of love in every moment. Thank you, O God of Love. 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** *Draw the Circle Wide*

Draw the circle wide.

Draw it wider still.

Let this be our song, no one stands alone, standing side by side,

Draw the circle wide.

(repeat after verse)

Words of Integration & Guidance

by Rev. Thomas Shepherd

In today's Gospel message, Jesus refers to his disciples as "servants" and commands them to "love one another." This is an important and revealing passage from Jesus' great final discourse in the Gospel of John, delivered on the eve of his arrest and crucifixion. As with so much of the Gospel of John, it's important to be clear about exactly who is speaking, and to whom. If Jesus of Nazareth is speaking to the men and women who have been following him as his disciples, the statement is very strange. They are not his servants, for example, nor has he ever treated them as such. They are his students, colleagues and friends—to suggest that they were ever servants is condescending at best. Clarity comes when we realize that Jesus is speaking throughout this discourse from his Christ consciousness—he is speaking as Jesus Christ, the full expression of divine Presence and Power. The entire purpose of his ministry was to teach and demonstrate the Christ—not as an attribute unique to him, but as the Presence of God that is the true identity of each of us. He calls us to embrace our own Christ nature, to continue the work of creating the kingdom that he has begun. Our relationship to the Christ within us changes dramatically as we become aware of its truth and its presence within us. It is always the truth of who we are, even when we don't know it or acknowledge it. God is always seeking to express through us, no matter how unaware we may be. We are servants of that Power, doing its bidding without often understanding the great, divine creative process at work. When we do become aware of it, though, we can fully participate in the creation of the kingdom of heaven. It is by consciously cooperating with the Christ that we become co-creators of the kingdom.

A New Commandment

The Words of Holy Scripture

One: A Reading of Scripture from Revelation 21:1-6

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

Many: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Lesson

One: The Holy Gospel according to John 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

“Love One Another”

Rev. Salvatore Sapienza

Offering & Offertory *“Love One Another”*

Nancy Plantinga

Composer: Germaine Habjan

Love One Another

Joys & Concerns/Tibetan Prayer Bell

One: Thanks be to God!

Many: Alleluia!

One: O God,

Many: 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.

***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** *Patriquin*

**Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might:
Heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the One who comes, who come in God's name. Hosanna in the
highest.**

(Please be seated)

Breaking of the Bread *Let Us Talents (NC#347)*

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!

(First time quietly, second time louder with more energy)

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** *They'll Know We are Christians*
(Green Gather Hymnal No.735)
(Find Music at the end of this program)

Benediction

Postlude *Ain-a That Good News!*
Arrangement by John Carter
Bob Ruddy

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726 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Verses 1, 2, 4



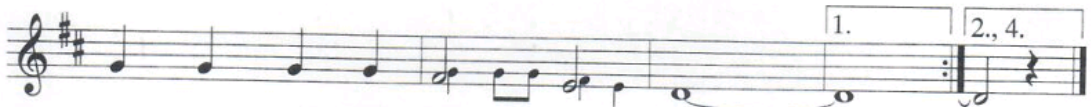
1. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where
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 4. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. It



there is ha - tred, let me bring your love. Where
 there's de - spair in life, let me bring hope. Where
 is in par - don - ing that we are par - doned, in



there is in - ju - ry, your par-don, Lord, And
 there is dark - ness, on - ly light, And
 giv - ing of our - selves that we re - ceive, and in



where there's doubt, true faith in you.
 where there's sad - ness, ev - er joy.
 dy - ing that we're born to e - ter-nal life.

Verse 3



3. Oh, Mas-ter, grant that I may nev-er seek So much to be con-



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stand. To be loved as to love with all my soul.

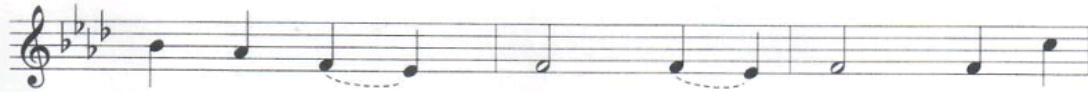
735 They'll Know We Are Christians



1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are
 2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will
 3. We will work with each oth - er, we will
 4. All praise to the Fa - ther, from



one in the Lord, We are one in the
 walk hand in hand, We will walk with each
 work side by side, We will work with each
 whom all things come, And all praise to Christ



Spir - it, we are one in the Lord, And we
 oth - er, we will walk hand in hand, And to -
 oth - er, we will work side by side, And we'll
 Je - sus, his on - ly Son, And all



pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re -
 geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our
 guard hu - man's dig - ni - ty and save hu - man's
 praise to the Spir - it, who makes us



stored:
 land: And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our
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love, by our love, Yes, they'll know we are



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Text: Peter Scholtes, b.1938

Tune: ST. BRENDAN'S, 7 6 7 6 8 6 with refrain; Peter Scholtes, b.1938