



DOUGLAS UCC
A JUST WORLD FOR ALL

Order of Service for Sunday, May 1, 2022

Third 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 *My Lord, What a Morning*
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) *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:

Adapted from Psalm 4

One: Let the light of your face shine on us, O God.

Many: You have put gladness in our hearts.

One: Answer us when we call upon you, O God.

Many: Be gracious to us, and hear our prayers.

One: We will lie down and sleep in peace;

Many: For you alone, O God, make us lie down in safety.

One: O God, you hear us when we call.

Many: Let the light of your face shine on us, O God! Amen.

***Opening Hymn,**

All Who Hunger

(Green Gather Hymnal No.820)

(Find Music at the end of this program)

Unison Prayer

Loving God, on the night that Jesus was arrested, Peter pledged the Master undying devotion. Later, in a moment of fear and confusion, he denied that he knew Jesus. But this is not the end of Peter's story. After the Resurrection, Peter became a mighty channel for the Christ Spirit. Remind us, O God, that when we, like Peter, fail to live up to our ideals, we should not despair. Instead, let us turn to You, O God, for forgiveness and strength. Truth is eternal, and You will always grant us new opportunities to bear witness to it. Going forward in faith, as Peter did, help us to turn stumbling blocks into steppingstones, and bear witness to the Truth in ways that enrich our life and bless others. 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

Chris Glaser

Reader: Lynne Snyder

When Jesus called some of his disciples, who were fishermen, he told them he would make them “fishers of men.” He used a metaphor for their calling that they could readily grasp. A net is flexible, stretching to include as many fish as possible. In today’s Gospel – a resurrection story from John – Jesus tells his disciples on which side of the boat to cast their net. From his vantage point on shore, he had the perspective and vision they lacked. When they drew in the fish, we are provided an exact count: 153 in total. Jerome, an early interpreter of this story, suggested that the number of species of fish known in the time of Jesus was 153. Whether that’s true or not, I like the implication that this is an inclusive net and this is a most diverse school of fish. As progressive Christians who are sometimes embarrassed by our aggressively evangelical siblings, we might ask ourselves, “How good are we at fishing for people?” We pride ourselves at the diversity of people we welcome. But how many people are we actually “catching”? Can we summon the same audacity to “fish for people” that we do when collecting signatures on a petition or protesting prejudice and injustice? The late seminary professor, George Edwards, was adamant on calling himself “a liberal evangelical,” declaring passionately that he would not surrender the term “evangelical” to conservative Christians. We, too, are “evangelicals,” bringing the good news of progressive Christianity to those who don’t profess the certainties of earlier generations or of present-day fundamentalists. More and more progressive Christians are finding a voice to express their faith in terms that transcend narrow doctrines. No longer embarrassed to be Christians, they are “catching” like-minded people everywhere who share their desire to be filled with the good news of justice, peace, and radical welcome.

The Way Forward

The Words of Holy Scripture

One: A Reading of Scripture from Acts 9:1-20

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 21:1-19

Many: Glory to you, O Christ.

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

Many: Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily "Spiritually Fed" Rev. Salvatore Sapienza

Offering & Offertory *Feed My Lambs*
Jeff Spangler (vocals); Peter Black (piano);
Mary Fechtig (drums)
Composer: John Angotti

Feed My Sheep

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**

Go

(Green Gather Hymnal No.454)

(Find Music at the end of this program)

Benediction

Postlude

Psalm XIX

Peter Black

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820 All Who Hunger

Verses



1. All who hun-ger, gath-er glad-ly; ho-ly man-na
 2. All who hun-ger, nev-er stran-gers, seek-er, be a
 3. All who hun-ger, sing to- geth-er; Je- sus Christ is



is our bread. Come from wil-der-ness and wan-d'ring.
 wel-come guest. Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing.
 liv-ing bread. Come from lone-li-ness and long-ing.



Here, in truth, we will be fed. You that yearn for
 Here, in joy, we keep the feast. We that once were
 Here, in peace, we have been led. Blest are those who



days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.
 lost and scat-tered in com-mun-ion's love have stood.
 from this ta-ble live their lives in grat-i-tude.

Refrain



Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.

454 Go

1. Go ye there - fore and teach all na - tions,
2. If you love me, real - ly love me,

go, go, go. Go ye
feed my sheep. If you

there - fore and teach all na - tions, go,
love me, real - ly love me, feed

go, go. Bap - tiz - ing them in the
my sheep. And lo, I'll be with you for

name of the Fa - ther and Son and Ho - ly
ev - er and ev - er un - til the ends of the

Ghost. Go, go,
world, go, go,

go.
go.

