



DOUGLAS UCC
A JUST WORLD FOR ALL

Order of Service for Sunday, May 22, 2022

Sixth 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 *A Medley of Three Airs*
Joan Donaldson, harpist

(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

Psalm 67

Reader: Greg Sherman

One: O God, be gracious to us and bless us.

Many: Make your face shine upon us, O God.

One: May your ways be known upon the earth.

Many: May your saving power be known among all nations.

One: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Many: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy.

One: May God continue to bless us.

Many: Let all the ends of the earth give praise to God. Amen.

***Opening Hymn,**

You Are Mine

(Green Gather Hymnal No.649)

(Find Music at the end of this program)

Unison Prayer

Loving God, Your Son, Jesus, spoke of healing and wholeness. He tapped in to the wellspring of life deep within his being and shared his healing consciousness with those around him. Through prayer, Jesus affirmed health and wholeness, bringing about remarkable results. The power of prayer aligns me with the spiritual quality of wholeness and reminds me that my essential nature is health and well-being. This realization of wholeness is a rejuvenating, balancing, correcting power that transforms my life and supports me in living from my wholeness. Power is at work in every cell of my body, and divine life flows through every aspect of my being. Thank you, God, for your healing power flowing through my body and healing my life. 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 Richard Mekdeci

Jesus never took credit for any of the healing miracles depicted in the Bible. The woman who touched the hem of Jesus' garment was healed without his intervention. He told her, "Daughter, your belief has made you whole." In another miracle, Jesus tells a similar thing to a blind man who is healed: "Go, for your faith has made you well." And, in today's gospel reading, Jesus asks the man at the pool of Bethesda: "Do you want to be made well?" - indicating that the man had to take part in his own healing. Similarly, the centurion who asked for his daughter to be healed was told, "Let it be done to you according to your belief." In our current understanding of the nature of God, our relationship with God, and our own nature, we see that healing is not given to us by any outside power or entity. Healing is brought forth or "revealed" according to one's belief. How does one acquire faith powerful enough to heal oneself? For healing to occur, we need only have the same faith in our own divine nature that we would have placed in Jesus himself. Jesus said, "These and greater things YOU can do." He knew his job was not to heal but to inspire healing by his example. The healing miracles in the Bible are possible to anyone who has the same faith in themselves to heal as those in the Bible stories had in Jesus to heal them. We are not made whole by some mystical outside power, but by the power of our own belief.

Disciples Together

The Words of Holy Scripture

One: A Reading of Scripture from Acts 16:9-15

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 5:1-9

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

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

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

Homily "Divine Healing" Rev. Salvatore Sapienza

Offering & Offertory *"Healed"*
Stan Greene and Peter Black
Composers: Kevin Stokes & Joel Guinness

Divine Healing

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'ulous 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**

Shall We Gather at the River
(Green Gather Hymnal No.774)

(Find Music at the end of this program)

Benediction

Postlude

The Wild Geese

Joan Donaldson, harpist

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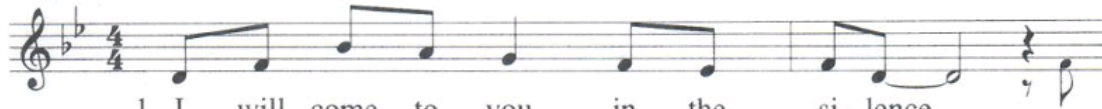
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Verses



1. I will come to you in the si-lence,
 2. I am hope for all who are hope-less,
 3. I am strength for all the des-pair-ing,
 4. am the Word that leads all to free-dom, I



I will lift you from all your fear.
 I am eyes for all who long to see. In the
 heal-ing for the ones who dwell in shame.
 am the peace the world can-not give.



You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice, be
 shad-ows of the night, I will be your light,
 All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and
 I will call your name, em-brac-ing all your pain, stand

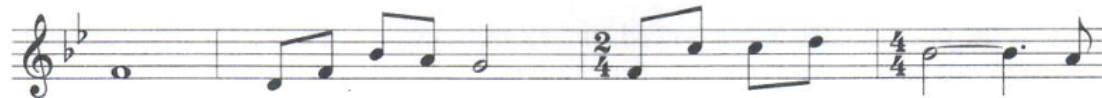


still and know I am here. (To verse 2)
 come and rest in me. (To refrain)
 all will know my name. (To refrain)
 up, now walk, and live! (To refrain)

Refrain



Do not be a-fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by



name. Come and fol-low me, I will bring you home; I



love you and you are mine.

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774 Shall We Gather at the River



1. Shall we gath - er at the riv - er,
 2. On the mar - gin of the riv - er,
 3. Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er,
 4. Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er,



Where bright an - gel feet have trod;
 Wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
 Lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
 Soon our pil - grim-age will cease,



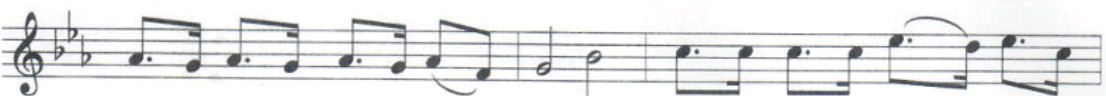
With its crys - tal tide for ev - er Flow - ing
 We will walk and wor - ship ev - er, All the
 Grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, And pro -
 Soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er With the



by the throne of God?
 hap - py gold - en day.
 vide a robe and crown.
 mel - o - dy of peace.



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, The



beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er; Gath - er with the saints at the



riv - er That flows by the throne of God.