



**DOUGLAS UCC**  
A JUST WORLD FOR ALL

**Order of Service for Sunday, May 5, 2024**

## **Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**Thank you for joining us today.**

For Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Prayer List, [visit this week's E-Pistle here](#), where you can also subscribe to receive it by email, if you like.

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

**Congregational Responses in Bold**

***“People don't buy what you do; they buy why you do it.”***

–Simon Simek

**Ringing in the Hour & Lighting of Altar Candles**

**Welcome and Announcements**

Chris Maintner

**Introit**    *There is Room for All*

***There is room for all in the shadow of God's wing;***

***there is room for all sheltered in God's love.***

***And I rejoice and sing “My refuge and my rock in whom I trust.”***

***There is room for all, there is room for all.***

**Call to Worship**    *adapted from enfleshed.com*

**Chris Maitner**

One: The Love of God is groundwater, oxygen—

**Many: *Around us, within us, beyond us.***

One: The Love of God is disruptive, subversive—

**Many: *Tangled with the heartbreak of the world.***

One: The Love of God is spacious, expansive—

**Many: *Wilder than the categories we've constructed to try to tame creation.***

One: Come, the Love of God wells up —

**Many: *Ever present, liberating, washing away our narrow imaginations.***

**Installment of Rev. Jody Betten**

*(See insert.)*

**Opening Hymn**

*What A Friend We Have in Jesus*

*(NC Hymnal #506)*

*(See music at the end of this document)*

**Unison Prayer**

*adapted from enfleshed.com*

***Radical Spirit, thank you for love that is at once comforting and challenging, soothing and demanding. Thank you for showing us when love requires courage and direct action, when it requires softness and rest. Because our liberation is bound, we must move in many ways. Because we are your friend, we are devoted to your cause—life and life abundantly. May it be so. 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**

*This is the Day*

***This is the day, this is the day that our God has made,  
that our God has made;***

***We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.***

***This is the day that our God has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it.***

***This is the day, this is the day that our God has made.***

## **Words of Integration & Guidance**

**Martin Luther King, Jr., black, American, Christian minister, activist, political philosopher, and civil rights leader**

The end is reconciliation; the end is redemption; the end is the creation of the beloved community. It is this type of spirit and this type of love that can transform opposers into friends. It is this type of understanding goodwill that will transform the deep gloom of the old age into the exuberant gladness of the new age. It is this love which will bring about miracles in the hearts of people.

## **Friends Together**

### **The Words of Holy Scripture**

One: A Reading of Scripture from the Christian Scripture, **1 Peter 2:9-12**

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

*All: Thanks be to God.*

### **The Gospel Lesson**

One: The Holy Gospel according to **John 15:9-17**

*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 Your Why?*

**Rev. Jody Betten**

### **Offering & Offertory**

*Meditation*

**Peter Black**

### **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 blessing 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.*

*(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

*Holy, holy, holy, God ruler almighty;  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory; Glory be to you O God.  
Blessed is the One who comes, who comes in the name of God.  
Hosanna, Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.*

**Breaking of the Bread** *This We Do*

*This we do in remembrance of you,  
This we do to honor you, Ohhh-  
This we do in remembrance of you,  
Because you have bid us to. (repeat after verse)*

**Sharing of the Bread & Cup**

(grape juice only on both sides of the aisle)

Receive the Bread of Life. *Amen.*

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

**Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer**

*Creating God, always and everywhere, hallowed be your name. Your  
kingdom come, your 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 yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

**\*Hymn of Sending**

*Draw the Circle Wide*  
(bulletin insert)

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Great is the Lord*  
(arr: Michael W Smith)  
**Peter Black**

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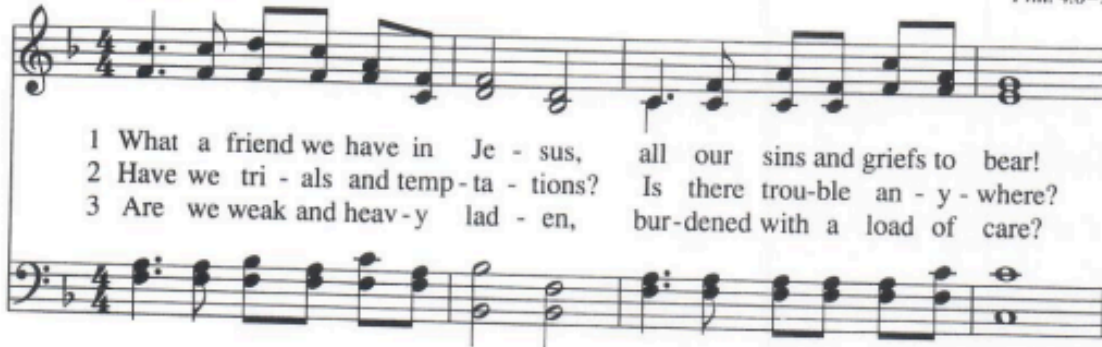
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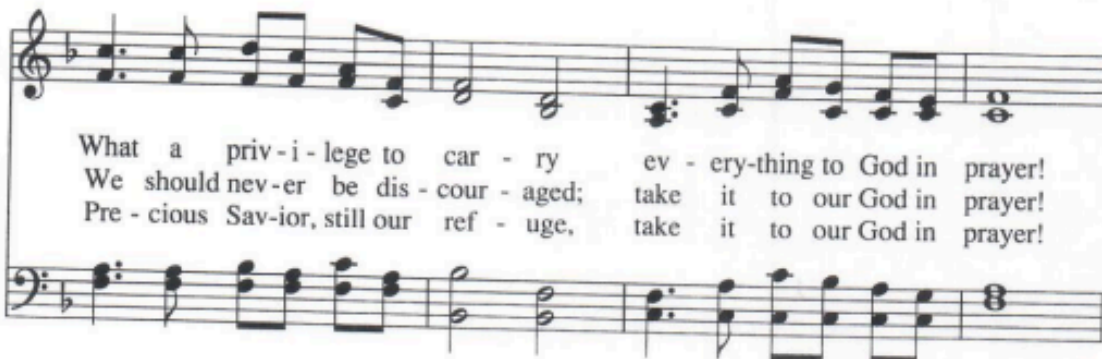
# What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Joseph Scriven, 1855; alt.

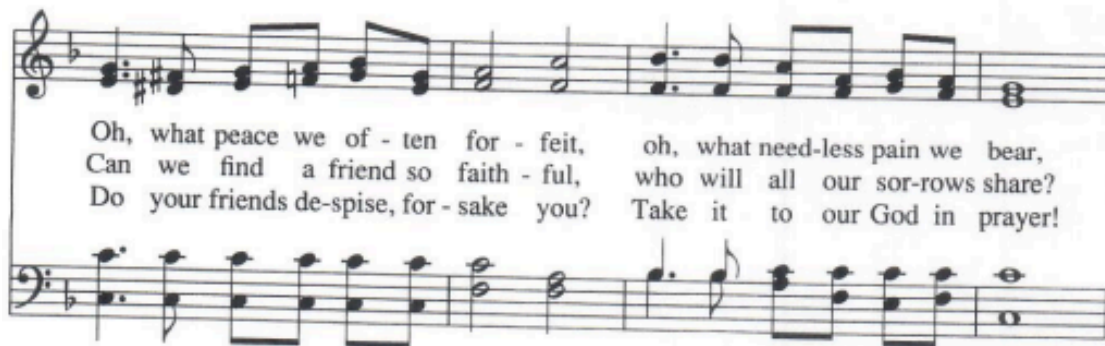
Phil. 4:6-7



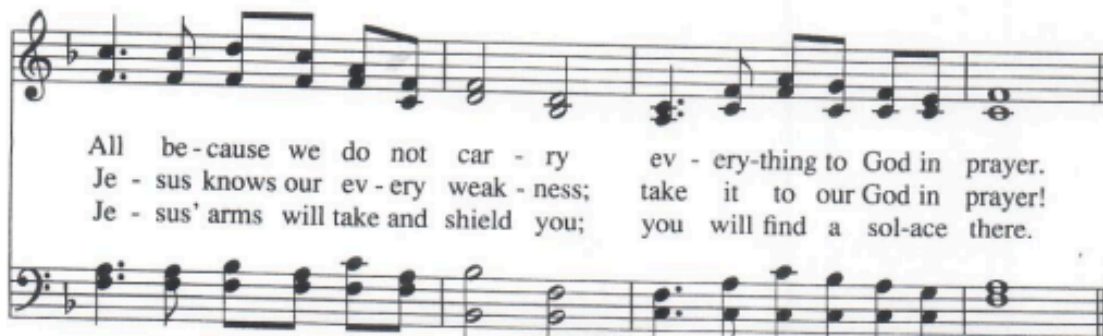
1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?  
 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, bur - dened with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!  
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged; take it to our God in prayer!  
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge, take it to our God in prayer!



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, oh, what need - less pain we bear,  
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful, who will all our sor - rows share?  
 Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to our God in prayer!



All be - cause we do not car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in prayer.  
 Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak - ness; take it to our God in prayer!  
 Je - sus' arms will take and shield you; you will find a sol - ace there.