



DOUGLAS UCC
A JUST WORLD FOR ALL

Order of Service for Sunday, November 13, 2022

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Thank you for joining us today.

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

Congressional Responses in Bold

Prelude *Be Thou My Vision*
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)

Love and Justice

Love and justice, peace and power, show us how to live each hour. Raise us up and set us free, show us how to live and be. Tell your neighbors, tell your friends, here's a place hope never ends. Love and Justice, Peace, and Power – God is with us in this hour. God is with us in this hour. God is with us in this hour. God is with us in this hour.

Call to Worship

Isaiah 12

Reader: Ginny Mikita

One: I will give thanks to you, O God.

Many: I will trust, and will not be afraid.

One: God is my strength and my might.

Many: God is my comfort and my salvation.

One: Give thanks to God. Call on God's name.

Many: Make known God's ways among the nations.

One: Call out to God, for God has done great things.

Many: Shout out loud to God, for God is in our midst. Amen.

***Opening Hymn,**

Isaiah the Prophet Has Written of Old

(Black New Century Hymnal No. 108)

(Find Music at the end of this program)

Unison Prayer

Creator God, you made us to be neighbors, members of one family blessed with great diversity. You created us to be helpers and friends to one another, entrusting to us your justice and your joy. Yet we have denied justice and joy to many, creating worlds of poverty, pain, rejection, and absence of hope. We ask your forgiveness and pray to be transformed. Strengthen our hearts and our hands to work with you, O God, in the building of a world filled with justice and peace for all. Give us the strength and wisdom we need to bring about your Kingdom of Heaven here on earth. 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 *Let It Breathe On Me*

Let it breathe on me, let it breathe on me,

let the breath of the spirit breathe on me.

Let it breathe on me, let it breathe on me,

Let the breath of God now breathe on me.

Words of Integration & Guidance

Eckhart Tolle

In many parts of the world, there is an emerging sense of social justice that our ancestors couldn't even have dreamed of. The subjugation of one race by another, the domination of women throughout thousands of years of patriarchy, and the devaluing of people based on social class are - for growing numbers of us - nightmares of the past. People of different gender orientations find themselves increasingly accepted simply as people. The races marry and intermingle with less and less judgment. There is growing awareness of the intrinsic oneness of everything that exists, so that more and more we are seeing an awareness of and deep concern for our fellow humans, our animals, and the planet itself. Such awareness implies that there is indeed a lessening of the ego in a growing number of people. This diminishment of the ego gives rise to empathy and compassion beyond tribal, racial, national, or religious affiliations. With this comes the ability to compromise with others, which is a prerequisite for any peaceful coexistence. In fact, it is precisely in those parts of the world where most people are as yet unable or unwilling to compromise that most of the dysfunction or violence occurs. The ego, and particularly the collective ego, strengthens itself through emphasizing the "otherness" of others. The ego needs an "enemy" for its continued survival. Hence its refusal to compromise. The egoic state of consciousness, which is still more prevalent than the awakened consciousness in most countries or organizations, will likely become increasingly dysfunctional and cause a growing number of acute crises affecting many parts of the planet. To some extent, this is already happening. This is nothing to be afraid of. Acute crises and dysfunction always precede or coincide with any evolutionary advancement or gain in consciousness. It is a necessary precursor for the next stage in human evolution, which is the awakening of consciousness. We are, at present, in the early stages of this awakening process, the arising of a new earth!

Infinite Possibilities

The Words of Holy Scripture

One: A Reading of Scripture from Isaiah 65:17-25

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 21:5-19

Many: Glory to you, O Christ.

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

Many: Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily

“Envisioning the Future,” **Rev. Marchiene Rienstra**

Offering & Offertory

Be Still and Know That I AM God.

Nancy Plantinga

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** *Holy Holy Holy*

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 comes in God's name.

Hosanna in the highest.

(Please be seated)

Breaking of the Bread *This is the Body of Christ*

This is the body of Christ.

Broken that we may be whole:

This cup, as promised by God,

true to the word, cradles our Lord.

Food for the good of the soul.

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.**

***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** *Let There Be Peace On Earth*
(Green Gather Hymnal No. 731)
(Find Music at the end of this program)

Benediction

Postlude *Peace in the Valley*
Peter Black

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Isaiah the Prophet Has Written of Old

Joy F. Patterson, 1982; rev. 1993

Isa. 11:6-9; 55:10-13

Am7 Bm7 Em sus4 Em Em

1 I - sa - iah the proph-et has
 2 The moun-tains and hills shall break
 3 Yet na - tions still prey on the
 4 God, bring to fru - i - tion your

D Em Em Am G Bm Em

writ-ten of old how God's new cre - a - tion shall come. In - stead of the
 forth in - to song, the peo - ples be led forth in peace; The earth shall be
 meek of the world, and con - flict turns par-ent from child. Your peo - ple de -
 will for the earth, that no one shall hurt or de - stroy, That wis - dom and

Bm7 C Em/G D

thorn tree, the fir tree shall grow; the wolf shall lie down with the
 filled with the knowl-edge of God as the wa - ters cov - er the
 spoil all the sweet-ness of earth; the brier and the thorn tree grow
 jus - tice shall reign in the land and your peo - ple shall go forth in

Joy Patterson, of Wausau, Wisconsin, served on the editorial

Tune: JUDAS AND MARY Irr. 1944

ADVENT

C D Em Am7 Bm7 Em

lamb, the lamb, the wolf shall lie down with the lamb.
sea, the sea, as the wa - ters cov - er the sea.
wild, grow wild, the brier and the thorn tree grow wild.
joy, in joy, your peo - ple shall go forth in joy.

731 Let There Be Peace on Earth



Let there be peace on earth, and let it be - gin with me.



Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With



God as our Fa-ther, broth - ers
fam - 'ly all are we.



Let me walk with my broth-er
us each oth-er in per-fect har-mo - ny.



Let peace be - gin with me; let this be the mo-ment now.



With ev - 'ry step I take, let this be my sol-emn vow; To



take each mo-ment, and live each mo-ment in peace e - ter - nal - ly!



Let there be peace on earth, and let it be - gin with me.