



**DOUGLAS UCC**  
A JUST WORLD FOR ALL

**Order of Service for Sunday, November 6, 2022**

## **Twenty-second 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**     *Steal Away*  
                  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**

**Psalm 98**

**Reader: Eric Lejeune**

One: O sing to God a new song, for God has done marvelous things.

**Many: All the ends of the earth have seen the steadfast love of God.**

One: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; break forth into joyous song.

**Many: Sing praises to God with the harp and the sound of melody.**

One: With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise God.

**Many: Let the sea roar, the floods clap their hands, and hills sing together for joy.**

One: O sing to God a new song. Make a joyful noise.

**Many: For our God has done marvelous things for us. Amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn,**

*Covenant Hymn*

(Green Gather Hymnal No.797)

(Find Music at the end of this program)

## **Unison Prayer**

**for Election Day by Rev. Edith Rasell, UCC Minister for Economic Justice**

**Gracious God, we are blessed to live in a democracy where each citizen has the opportunity and the responsibility to participate in our decision-making processes. You desire each of us to live a life of wholeness; to have the opportunities to fulfill our potential and become the persons you have created us to be. But Holy One, this election season has gone on too long! We are turned off by a circus which obscures critical issues, reduces complicated choices to sound bites and encourages personal attacks. We want this election season to be over! Help us to find a way to cut through the confusion and the spin. Give us patience to consider and make wise choices that will lead ever closer to your vision of the Beloved Community. Our faith belongs in the voting booth as well as in the sanctuary. 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**

**Rev. Tom Shepherd**

In today's Gospel, the Sadducees challenge Jesus with a story of seven brothers: After the first brother died, the second brother married the first one's wife. After the second brother died, the third brother married the same woman, and so on. She was eventually married to all seven brothers. So, the Sadducees ask Jesus, "In the resurrection, whose wife will she be? For the seven had her as wife." This attempt to back Jesus into a religious corner was because the Sadducees did not believe in resurrection at all. It was one of the chief bones of contention between Sadducees and Pharisees. So they were trying both to make fun of the Pharisees and their belief, and to force Jesus to choose between two conflicting beliefs. Jesus replies that the question is based on a false reading of scripture and an attempt to apply human limitations to the realm of eternal spirit. In terms of scripture Jesus quotes from the passage in Exodus when God is speaking to Moses out of the burning bush: "I am the God of Abraham." God does not say he was the God of Abraham; he is the God of Abraham. And, as Jesus notes, "He is not the God of the dead, but of the living." In the realm of Spirit we are all one—one heart, one mind, one Christ energy in expression. Human ideas of separate identities, contracts, relationships are only relevant in this mortal domain. They are based in a sense of duality, and they will dissolve into the greater, infinite Truth as our journey continues. Further, death is simply a human illusion disguising that ongoing spiritual journey, which never ends. Metaphysically, the Sadducees represent those thoughts in our own consciousness that try to cross-examine our intuitive spiritual understanding in terms of limited human experiences. We must always be willing to "know what we don't know," and allow the infinite Light and Love of God space to work in our lives.

# Hold On to Faith

## **The Words of Holy Scripture**

One: A Reading of Scripture from 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

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 20:27-38

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

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

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

**Homily** "God of the Living" **Rev. Salvatore Sapienza**

## **Offering & Offertory**

*Everything (God in My Living)*

**Stan Greene and Peter Black**

Composer: Tim Hughes

## **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'ous 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**      *I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light*  
(Green Gather Hymnal No.507)  
(Find Music at the end of this program)

**Benediction**

**Postlude**                      *When the Roll is Called Up Yonder*  
**Peter Black**

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# 797 Covenant Hymn



1. Wher - ev - er you go, I will fol - low, Wher -  
 2. What - ev - er you dream, I am with you, When  
 3. And though you should fall, you will find me, When  
 4. Wher - ev - er you die, I will be there To  
 5. Wher - ev - er you go, I will fol - low, Be -



ev - er you live is my home. Though  
 stars call your name in the night. Though  
 no oth - er friend can you claim, When  
 sing you to sleep with a psalm, To  
 hold! The ho - ri - zon shines clear. The



days be of bless - ing or sor - row, Though  
 shad - ows and mist cloud the fu - ture, To -  
 foes beat you down or be - tray you And  
 soothe you with tales of our jour - ney, Your  
 pos - si - ble gleams like a cit - y: To -



house be of can - vas or stone, Though  
 geth - er we bear there a light. Like  
 oth - ers de - sert you in shame. When  
 fears and your doubts I will calm. We'll  
 geth - er we've noth - ing to fear. So



E - den be lost to the past, Though  
 A - bram and Sar - ah we stand, With  
 home and dreams aren't e - nough, And  
 live when jour - neys are done For -  
 speak with words bold and true The



moun - tains be - fore us be vast, Wher -  
 on - ly a prom - ise in hand. But  
 you run a - way from my love, I'll  
 ev - er in mem - 'ry as one. And  
 mes - sage my heart speaks to you. You

CHRISTIAN INITIATION



ev - er you go, I am with you, I  
lead where you dream: I will fol - low. To  
raise you from where you have fall - en.  
we will be bur - ied to - geth - er, And  
won't be a - lone, I have prom - ised. Wher -



nev - er will leave you a - lone.  
dream with you is my de - light.  
Faith - ful to you is my name.  
wak - en to greet a new dawn.  
ev - er you go, I am here.

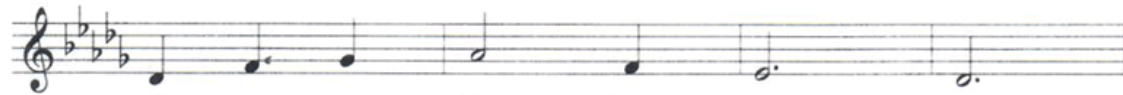
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Tune: Gary Daigle, b.1957  
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## I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light 507



1. I want to walk as a child of the light.  
 2. I want to see the bright-ness of God.  
 3. I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.



I want to fol - low Je - sus.  
 I want to look at Je - sus.  
 I want to be with Je - sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world. The  
 Clear sun of right-eous-ness shine on my path, And  
 When we have run with pa-tience the race, We



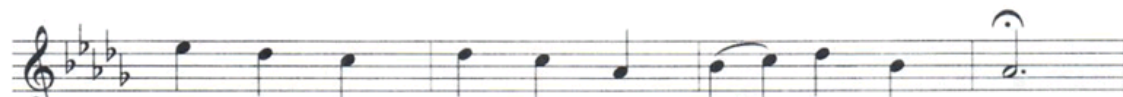
star of my life is Je - sus.  
 show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
 shall know the joy of Je - sus.



In him there is no dark - ness at all. The



night and the day are both a - like. The



Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.



Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.