



DOUGLAS UCC
A JUST WORLD FOR ALL

Order of Service for Sunday, October 16, 2022

Nineteenth 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 *Querer*
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 121

Reader: Lynne Snyder

One: I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?

Many: Your help will come from God, who made heaven and earth.

One: The God who protects me will never slumber nor sleep.

Many: God will not let your foot be moved; God will protect you always.

One: God is my guardian and keeper. God is always at my side.

Many: The sun shall not harm you by day, nor the moon during the night.

One: God will watch over my comings and goings.

Many: God will preserve your soul from this day till forever more. Amen.

***Opening Hymn,**

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

(Black New Century Hymnal No.506)

(Find Music at the end of this program)

Unison Prayer

Loving God, thank you for the gift of prayer which allows us to consciously connect with you. When we pray, we open ourselves to the flow of your divine goodness, guidance, and inspiration. In prayer, we can release our concerns and take our focus away from problems and fears. In prayer, we can relax into your comforting presence, feeling your divine light shining upon us and on each person for whom we pray. Thank you for the power of prayer, through which you inspire us, bless us, guide us, and lift us up. 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

Richard Rohr

I am increasingly convinced that some notion of a “prayer beyond words” is the deepest meaning of prayer, and why the Bible instructs us to “pray without ceasing.” Whatever we do in conscious loving union with God is prayer — and the best prayer, for sure. The problem, of course, is teaching Western wordy and over-thinking people how not to talk and not to think so much; it is usually not thinking anyway, but reactive commentary, and often narcissistic commentary, on some recent or upcoming situation. Oh, how long it took me to see that! Now it is obvious. This, of course, is very humiliating for people to admit, especially educated people and “proper” clergy persons. We really do like our thinking and our talking. It gives our mind and our mouth a job to do. Words have their usefulness of course. They offer a profound means of communication between human beings. They are useful in giving directions and sharing basic information. When you need to share information, words are one of the best methods of transferring data. But, even the most beautiful and moving words, never come close to the deepest, most profound dimensions of human existence. The prayer of words attempts to express our dependence on the great mystery of God. The prayer of silence is not so much to express, but to experience that dependence. We must keep in mind that the purpose of prayer is not to get anywhere. We cannot attain the presence of God because we’re already totally in the presence of God. In the silence, you remember that presence. You remember that you are in union with God, so there’s nothing to prove, nothing to attain. Everything is already there.

Pray Without Ceasing

The Words of Holy Scripture

One: A Reading of Scripture from Jeremiah 31:27-34

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 18:1-8

Many: Glory to you, O Christ.

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

Many: Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily "The Science of Prayer" **Rev. Salvatore Sapienza**

Offering & Offertory

God Provides

Stan Greene and Peter Black

Composer: Kirk Franlin

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** *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*
(Black New Century Hymnal No.282)
(Find music at the end of this program)

Benediction

Postlude *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*
Peter Black

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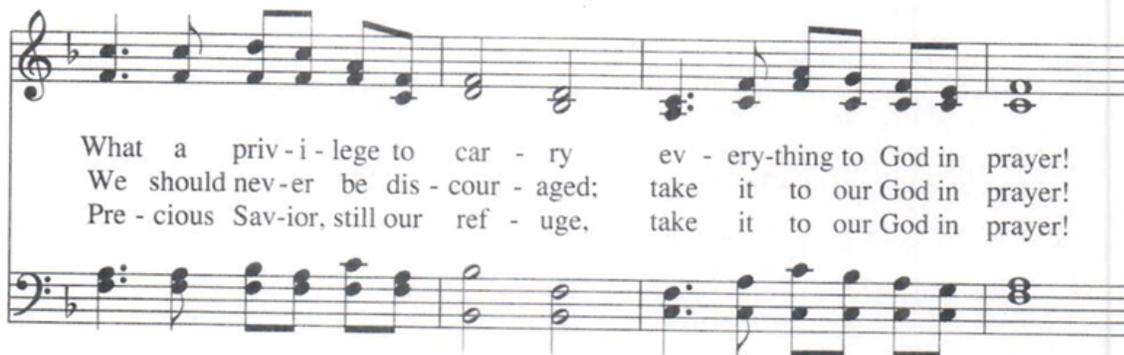
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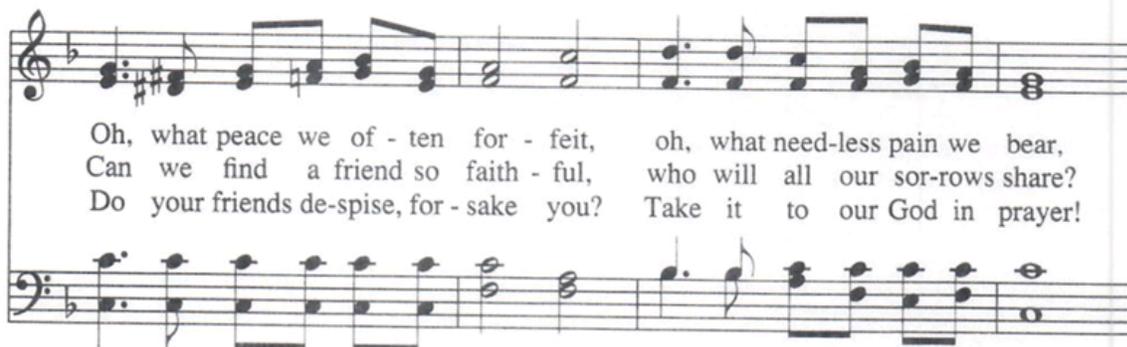
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*Joseph Scriven, 1855; alt.**Phil. 4:6-7*

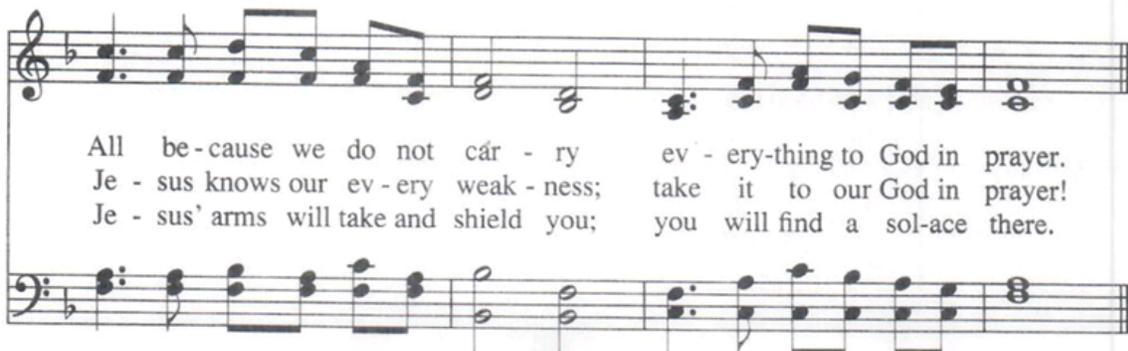

1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou-ble an - y - where?
 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, bur - dened with a load of care?



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 cár - 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.

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

2 Sam. 22:9; Ps. 18:8

African-American spiritual

Refrain

Ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing in my heart I will

pray. Yes, ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing

Last time, end

in my heart I will pray. 1 Up - on the moun - tain my God
2 Oh, Jor - dan riv - er, chil - ly and

spoke, out of God's mouth came fire and smoke. Looked all a -
cold, it chills the bod - y, not the soul. There's on - ly

to Refrain

round me; looked so fine; I asked my God if all were mine.
one train on this track; it runs to heav - en, then right back.