



**DOUGLAS UCC**  
A JUST WORLD FOR ALL

**Order of Service for Sunday, October 23, 2022**

## **Twentieth 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**     *Blest Are They*  
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**

**Adapted from Psalm 133**

**Reader: Marybeth Sims**

One: Though we may be inclined to righteousness, let us come together with humility.

**Many: How good a thing it is when all of God's people live together in unity.**

One: Though we may be tempted to use harsh words, let us come together with gentleness.

**Many: How good a thing it is when all of God's people live together in unity.**

One: Though we may want everything to happen quickly, let us come together with patience.

**Many: How good a thing it is when all of God's people live together in unity.**

One: Though the world around often encourages hate, let us come together in love.

**Many: How good a thing it is when all of God's people live together in unity.**

One: In humility, gentleness, patience, love, and unity,

**Many: Let us worship the God who has called us together. Amen.**

## **\*Opening Hymn,**

*Gather Us In*

(Green Gather Hymnal No.744)

(Find Music at the end of this program)

## **Unison Prayer**

**Loving God: Jesus taught us, "Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth." Today, help us to express the Christ Spirit of meekness and humility. Give us wisdom to understand that meekness is not weakness. Humility is a strength, a superpower! Help us to understand that we are strong because we are meek. We are courageous because we are humble. Instill in us, O God, a meek and humble heart. Give us a spirit of love, kindness, and tolerance, as we work together to build a just world for all. 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**

**Mary Ann Brussat**

A story is told about a man who asked his rabbi why people could no longer reach high enough to see God's face. The rabbi replied, "Learn to bend, to bow, to kneel and you will be able to see God face-to-face." This story reminds us of another saying: "The door to the kingdom of God is exactly as high as you are when you walk on your knees." If you are standing tall, full of pride, you can't get through. You see, the spiritual life is not about upward mobility, but about downward mobility. When Jesus' disciples were arguing over who among them was the greatest, Jesus knelt before them and washed their feet. He was demonstrating to them what it means to be humble. With humility, we accept our place as equals among others. We recognize that we are no more important than anyone else. In our culture, the opposite behavior is often promoted. You can't get ahead, we're told, unless you climb the corporate ladder and make it to the top. And, there are still many of us who equate humility with low self-regard. But as a slogan from Alcoholics Anonymous puts it, "The challenge is not thinking less of yourself, but thinking of yourself less often." Humility means not putting yourself either above or below others; it means not thinking about your position on a scale. Humility comes naturally to some people, but usually it needs to be learned. We become humble by being around humble people and by consciously acknowledging that we are not number one. Humility is an essential quality we all must have if we wish to grow spiritually.

## **Walk Humbly With God**

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

One: A Reading of Scripture from 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

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 18:9-14

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

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

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

**Homily** "Humble and Exalted," **Rev. Salvatore Sapienza**

### **Offering & Offertory**

*Return Again*

**Pamela Chappell**

Composer: Shlomo Carlebach

### **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**      *We Are the Light of the World*  
(Green Gather Hymnal No.508)  
(Find music at the end of this program)

## **Benediction**

**Postlude**              *It's Me O Lord*  
**Peter Black**

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# 744 Gather Us In



1. Here in this place new light is stream - ing,  
 2. We are the young— our lives are a mys - t'ry,  
 3. Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter,  
 4. Not in the dark of build - ings con - fin - ing,



Now is the dark - ness van - ished a - way,  
 We are the old— who yearn for your face,  
 Here we will take the bread of new birth,  
 Not in some heav - en, light - years a - way, But



See in this space our fears and our dream - ings,  
 We have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,  
 Here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,  
 here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



Brought here to you in the light of this  
 Called to be light to the whole hu - man  
 Call us a - new to be salt for the  
 Now is the King - dom, now is the



day. Gath - er us in— the lost and for - sak - en,  
 race. Gath - er us in— the rich and the haugh - ty,  
 earth. Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion,  
 day. Gath - er us in and hold us for ev - er,



Gath - er us in— the blind and the lame;  
 Gath - er us in— the proud and the strong;  
 Give us to eat the bread that is you;  
 Gath - er us in and make us your own;

GATHERING



Call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
Give us a heart so meek and so low - ly,  
Nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion  
Gath - er us in— all peo - ples to - geth - er,



We shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
Give us the cour-age to en - ter the song.  
Lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

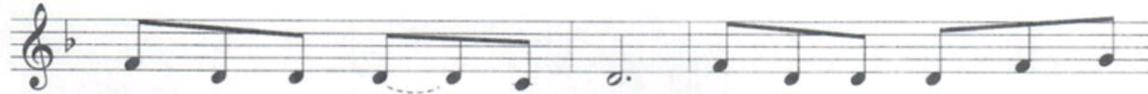
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## 508 We Are the Light of the World

## Verses



1. Bless - ed are they who are poor in spir - it,  
 2. Bless - ed are they who are meek and hum-ble,  
 3. Bless - ed are they who will mourn in sor-row,  
 4. Bless those who hun - ger and thirst for jus-tice,  
 5. Bless - ed are they who show oth - ers mer-cy,  
 6. Bless - ed are hearts that are clean and ho - ly,  
 7. Bless - ed are those who bring peace a - mong us,  
 8. Bless those who suf - fer from per - se - cu - tion,

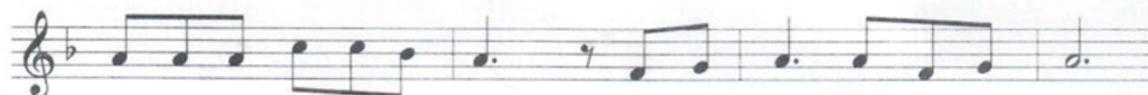


- Theirs is the king-dom of God. Bless us, O Lord, make us  
 They will in - her - it the earth. Bless us, O Lord, make us  
 They will be com - fort - ed. Bless us, O Lord, when we  
 They will be sat - is - fied. Bless us, O Lord, hear our  
 They will know mer - cy, too. Bless us, O Lord, hear our  
 They will be - hold the Lord. Bless us, O Lord, make us  
 They are the chil - dren of God. Bless us, O Lord, may your  
 Theirs is the king-dom of God. Bless us, O Lord, when they



- poor in spir - it;  
 meek and hum-ble;  
 share their sor-row;  
 cry for jus-tice; Bless us, O Lord, our God.  
 cry for mer-cy;  
 pure and ho - ly;  
 peace be with us;  
 per - se - cute us;

## Refrain



We are the light of the world, May our light shine be-fore all,



That they may see the good that we do, And give glo-ry to God.