



DOUGLAS UCC
A JUST WORLD FOR ALL

Order of Service for Sunday, September 4, 2022

Thirteenth 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 *Brother Can You Spare a Dime?*

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) *Surely the Presence*

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,

I can feel God's mighty power and God's grace.

I can feel the brush of angel wings, I see glory on each face.

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

Call to Worship

Reader: Michael Valdez

One: God of Life,

Many: You are as near to us as our breath.

One: Touch our eyes,

Many: that we may see you in one another.

One: Open our ears,

Many: that we may hear your voice in the cries of the oppressed.

One: Enter our hearts,

Many: that we may be filled with your love toward all people.

One: Come, O God of life and breath and wholeness.

Many: Show us the way to new life. Grant us the courage to be people of your Way.

***Opening Hymn,**

I Am For You

(Green Gather Hymnal No.704)

(Find Music at the end of this program)

Unison Prayer

Prayer for Labor Sunday, UCC.org

Loving, Working God, on this Sunday we ask your special blessing on all people who labor, either for pay or as volunteers, in jobs or at school, in the workplace or at home, in the U.S. and around the world. We especially pray for your blessings on workers who do not have jobs and for those whose inadequate pay does not allow them to live the full life you intend for each of us. Creator God, help us to build a new world in the midst of the old. A world where all workers are valued. A world where those who clean houses are also able to buy houses to live in. A world where those who grow food can also afford to eat their fill. A world where those who serve and care for others are, themselves, also served and cared for. We pray for the coming of a world where all workers everywhere share in the abundance that you have given us. We ask these things knowing that you give us the courage and strength to live out our faith in the workplace and the marketplace, 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 *Spirit, Fill Me*

Spirit come and fill me, fill me with your peace, fill me with your joy and your love.

Spirit come and show me, show me how to care, show me how to share your light.

Help me give my hand to those in need, let my heart be open to receive.

When we share your love we can work together to heal this broken world.

Spirit come and fill us, fill us with your peace, fill us with your joy and your love.

Spirit come and show us, show us how to care, show us how to share your light.

Words of Integration & Guidance

By Sister Joan Chittister

To become “God-like” is the most common – and the most elusive – of all spiritual aspirations. What can that desire possibly mean? A medieval mystic answers the question directly. “When are we like God?” the mystic Mechthild of Magdeburg writes. “I will tell you. Insofar as we love compassion and practice it steadfastly, to that extent, do we resemble the heavenly Creator who practices these things ceaselessly in us.” When we, too, “know of what we’re made,” there is no room in us for anything but mercy for the other. Mercy takes us outside ourselves. It makes us one with the rest of the world. Or as Martin Luther King, Jr. reminds us, “The first question which the priest and the Levite asked when they saw the wounded man dying on the street was, “If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me?” But the Good Samaritan reversed the question. He said: “If I don’t stop to help this man, what will happen to him?” A sign in Springdale, Connecticut makes the whole subject clear. It reads: “There is so much good in the worst of us and so much bad in the best of us, that it’s rather hard to tell which of us ought to reform the rest of us.” A Japanese proverb reminds us, “It is often the most wicked who know the nearest path to the shrine.” Don’t let anybody fool you: Goodness is as goodness does. Be careful who you call “bad” simply because the “good” people have named them so. God, it seems, is far less quick to judge.

A New Identity

The Words of Holy Scripture

One: A Reading of Scripture from Deuteronomy 30:9-14

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 10:25-37

Many: Glory to you, O Christ.

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

Many: Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily "The Good Samaritan" **Rev. Dr. Lillian Daniel**

Offering & Offertory

Your Labor Is Not In Vain

Stan Greene and Peter Black

Composers: Wendell Kimbrough,
Paul Zach, Isaac Wardell, Aaron Kyes.

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.

***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 Lord God of Hosts.

Heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory.

Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who comes,

who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

(Please be seated)

Breaking of the Bread *There is Room for All*

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

There is room for all at the table of God's love.

And I exalt and sing "We do this in remembrance of you."

There is room for all. There is room for all.

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** *Whatsoever You Do* (vs. 1-3)
(Green Gather Hymnal No.670)
(Find music at the end of this program)

Benediction

Postlude *Let My People Go!*
Peter Black

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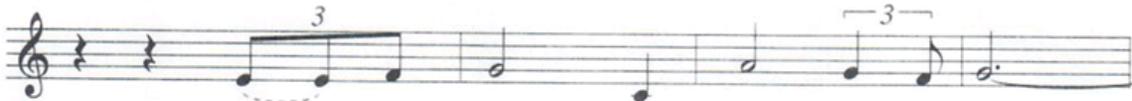
704 I Am for You



1. There is a moun - tain there is a sea.
2. There was a wom - an small as a star,
3. There was a man who walked in the storm,
4. We are a - noint - ed, ser - vants of God;
5. There is a world that waits in the womb;



There is a wind with - in all breath - ing,
 Full of the pa - tient dreams of her na - tion,
 Caught in be - tween the waves and the light - ning,
 We have been born a - gain of Spir - it.
 There is a hope un - born God is bear - ing,



There is an arm to break ev - 'ry chain,
 Wel - com - ing in an an - gel of God,
 Shar - ing his bread with those cast a - side,
 We are the word God speaks to the world,
 Though the powers of death prowl the night,



There is a fire in all things
 Wel - com - ing in God's bold in - vi -
 Heal - ing by touch the lost and the
 Free - dom and light to all who will
 There is a day our God is pre -



liv - ing. There is a voice that speaks from the
 ta - tion. "Let it be done," she sang, "un - to
 dy - ing. Send - ing us forth, he says to his
 hear it. So let us be the word of the
 par - ing. Sing 'round the fire to wa - ken the

DISCIPLESHIP



flame:	"I	am	for	you,	I	am	for
me.	I	am	for	you,	I	am	for
friends:	"I	am	for	you,	I	am	for
Lord:	I	am	for	you,	I	am	for
dawn:	I	am	for	you,	I	am	for

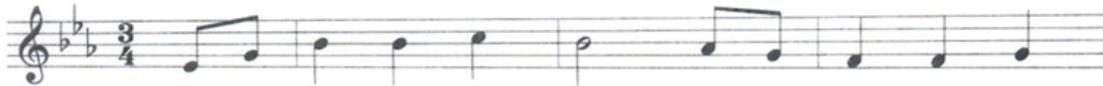


you,	I	am	for	you	is	my	name."
you,	I	am	for	you:	let	it	be."
you,	I	am	for	you	to	the	end."
you,	I	am	for	you	ev	-	er - more.
you,	I	am	for	you:	We	are	one.

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Tune: Rory Cooney, b.1952
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670 Whatsoever You Do

Refrain



What-so - ev - er you do to the least of my



peo-ple, that you do un - to me.

Verses



1. When I was hun - gry, you gave me to eat;
2. When I was home-less, you o - pened your door;
3. When I was wea - ry, you helped me find rest;
4. When I was lit - tle, you taught me to read;
5. When in a pris - on, you came to my cell;
6. In a strange coun - try, you made me at home;
7. Hurt in a bat - tle, you bound up my wounds;
8. When I was Black, or La - ti - no, or white;
9. When I was a - ged, you both - ered to smile;
10. You saw me cov - ered with spit - tle and blood;
11. When I was laughed at, you stood by my side;



When I was thirst - y, you gave me to drink.
 When I was na - ked, you gave me your coat.
 When I was anx - ious, you calmed all my fears.
 When I was lone - ly, you gave me your love.
 When on a sick - bed, you cared for my needs.
 Seek - ing em - ploy - ment, you found me a job.
 Search - ing for kind - ness, you held out your hand.
 Mocked and in - sult - ed, you car - ried my cross.
 When I was rest - less, you lis - tened and cared.
 You knew my fea - tures, though grim - y with sweat.
 When I was hap - py, you shared in my joy.



Now en - ter in - to the home of my Fa - ther.