

The liturgical color is green, signifying life in the Christian church		
PRELUDE	"Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals" Amy Bender, organist	Sigfrid Karg-Elert
WELCOME		Karen Scott, Liturgist
*CALL TO WORSHIP L: God of grace, we come with all we have; P: bodies, souls, minds, all here to worship You. L: We have come for a glimpse of your kingdom of kindness-- P: a world where love rules over all, a world where enemies embrace, L: distinctions between friend and foe, evaporating in the light of Your love. P: We dedicate this worship to you and to your kingdom come. God as we worship in this place, L: refresh, renew, and challenge us so that we would see your Justice and not Just Us. P: As we recognize and reveal dissension, we worship your word of truth and power.		
*OPENING HYMN	"The Church's One Foundation"	UMH 545
OPENING PRAYER Gracious, loving God, in Jesus of Nazareth you shared into our lives. In Him, you knew the joys and the sorrows, the temptations and connection life affords. We come today believing and fully assured that Your precious provision is encompassing. In our worship, as we seek to be a people of justice, reconciliation and redemption, in You, we have the promise of freedom. Lord God, we are unbound and set free to serve daily. Trusting in your voice, let us respond to your call for Justice as we confront the call of all. Amen		
SCRIPTURE		Matthew 4:17, p. 683
<i>Children are invited to stay in worship or meet in the Narthex to go to Sunday School</i>		
ANTHEM 9:00	"Neither Angels, Nor Demons, Nor Powers" Canticle Bells	Matthew Compton
11:00	"One Church, One, Faith, One Lord" Chancel Choir	Eugene Butler
KIN-DOM SIGNS		
SHARING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS You may place your offering in the Offering Box at the entrance of the Sanctuary or give online using the link on the back of the bulletin		

**Congregation invited to stand if able*

OFFERTORY 9:00	"Prayer"	Arnold B. Sherman
11:00	"Ain't Judgin' No Man"	John Parker & Greg Gilpin
*DOXOLOGY #94 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!		
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION		
BAPTISM 11:00 AM	Isabelle Linda Zelenkofske Daughter of Mike & Catherine Zelenkofske and granddaughter of Kitty Schirm	UMH #39
BAPTISMAL HYMN 11 AM	"I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry"	TFWS 2051
SHARING STORIES OF GOD AT WORK THROUGH CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS		
PASTORAL PRAYER		
THE LORD'S PRAYER Our father who art in heaven, 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. And 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 CENTERING 9 AM	"Open My eyes, That I May See"	UMH 454
SCRIPTURE		Galatians 3:28, p. 824 Ephesians 6:5, p. 829
MESSAGE	"Justice or Just Us? – Recognizing Dissonance" Rev. Steve Stultz Costello	
*HYMN OF MISSION <i>Hymn History:</i> The music to this hymn was written by John B. Dykes. He was born in Kingston upon Hull (usually referred to as Hull), England in 1823. His grandfather, Rev. Thomas Dykes had built and was the Vicar at St John's Church in Hull. John began playing the organ at that church at age ten. Dykes also played the piano and violin. He went to Cambridge University and earned three degrees including a Doctorate of Music. Dykes was ordained a Deacon in the Church of England at York Minster in 1848. He was named a Canon at Durham Cathedral and later became the Pastor at St. Oswald's Church in Durham, a position he held until his death. Rev. Dykes wrote over 300 hymns including several that are in our hymnal. Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty (Number 64) is one of his best known. Rev. Dykes died in 1876 in Ticehurst, England.		

*FAITH IN ACTION

*BENEDICTION

*Benediction Sung Response "Go Now In Peace"
Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen. Amen. Amen.
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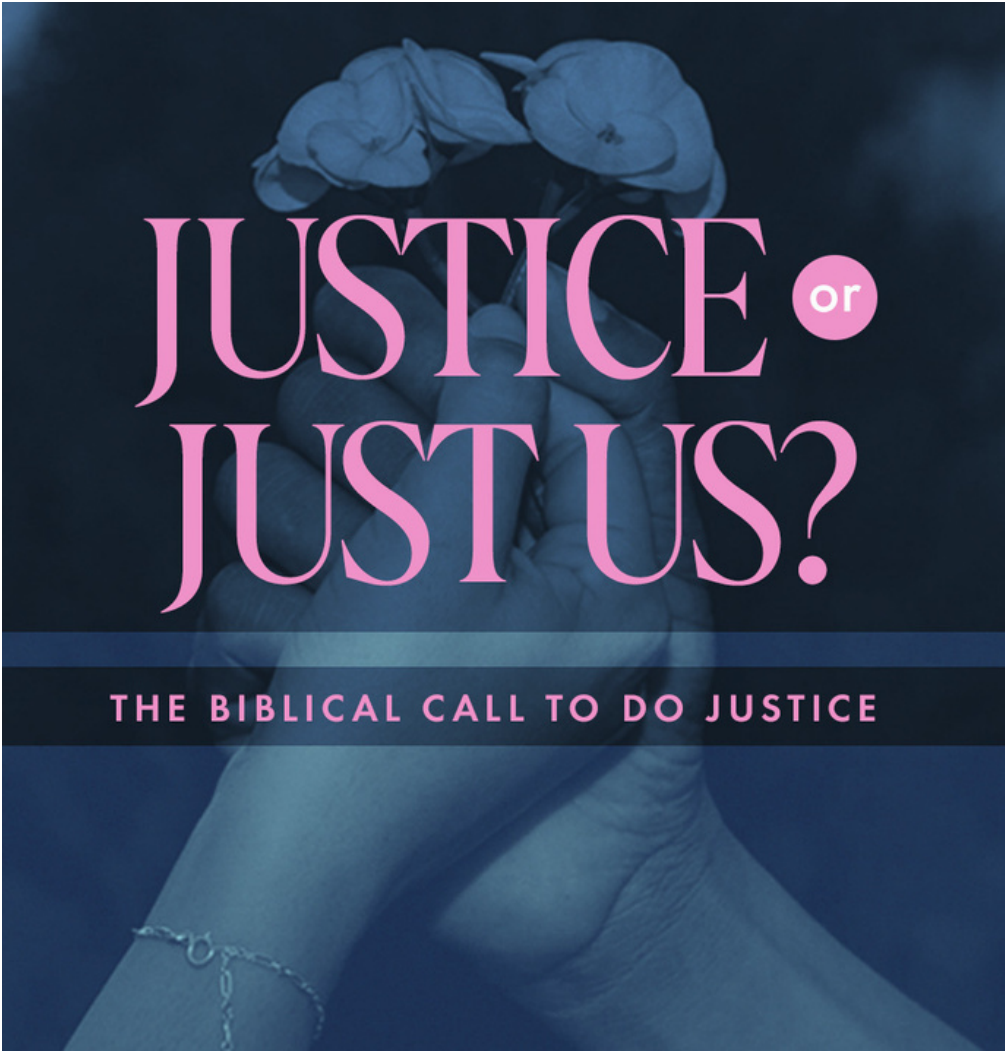
POSTLUDE "Toccata" Gordon Young



Altar Flowers are presented by Georgeanna Allen
In Memory of Cephas Allen

Pulpit Flowers are in Celebration of
Kay Disbro's 103rd Birthday

There are flower openings on January 14th and 21st.
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Traditional Worship  January 21, 2024

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