

The liturgical color is green, signifying life in the Christian church		
PRELUDE	“Fantasia” Amy Bender, organist	J. Pachelbel
WELCOME	Paul Montgomery, Liturgist	
*CALL TO WORSHIP		
L: Lord, on this day, as we gather to hear and see you.		
C: Make us whole and keep us honest as we identify justice.		
L: Holy God, you are the One who sees and delivers our every need. You alone deserve praise!		
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L: May our worship this morning flow into our actions and our attitudes and our relationships.		
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L: Holy God, you not only comfort us but you also challenge us.		
Your Word awakes us to love justice.		
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*OPENING HYMN	“Lord, You Give the Great Commission”	UMH 584
OPENING PRAYER		
Lord of the nations, we open our hearts today. We open ourselves to become more pliable to change and to challenge. Teach us to fight for justice and advocate for those who have no voice. We give you thanks, Lord, for the charity of our local food banks. We pray for every donation of food and clothing given to extend our love and care for others. We pray for judges, lawyers, policemen, law enforcement agents that they make straight what is crooked and use wise judgments. May they and we, be guided by You, the one who speaks the ultimate word of justice. Grant to the world: fair employment, adequate income, and safe conditions. Bring an end to the exploitation of children, women, and those most vulnerable. O God, make the world a better place through our hands, feet, minds, and hearts. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.		
SCRIPTURE	Micah 6:8, p. 659, Philippians 2: 4, p. 831	
Children are invited to stay in worship or meet in the Narthex to go to Sunday School		
ANTHEM 9:00 AM	“By Faith” Charter Members Men's Choir	arr. Richard A. Nichols
11:00 AM	“Prayer for Shalom” Chancel Choir	Kyle Pederson
KIN-DOM SIGNS	Kate Colbow	

*Congregation invited to stand if able

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

OFFERTORY	9:00 AM	“Shalom”	Dan Forrest
	11:00 AM	“Open Prayer”	Pepper Choplin

*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
O God, our giving has helped so many over the years. We are a mighty Church and God, we want to continue to bless this community and the world with our blessings. Accept our genuine offering and our committed hearts. We are cheerful givers and we give you thanks for the abundance you give to all. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF SERVICE Laurie Eppler and Marian Ruckert

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 “Trust and Obey” UMH 467

SCRIPTURE Matthew 20:1-16, p. 697

MESSAGE “Justice or Just Us? What is Biblical Justice?”
Rev. Dr. Ivy Smith

*HYMN OF MISSION “We Are Called” TFWS 2172

*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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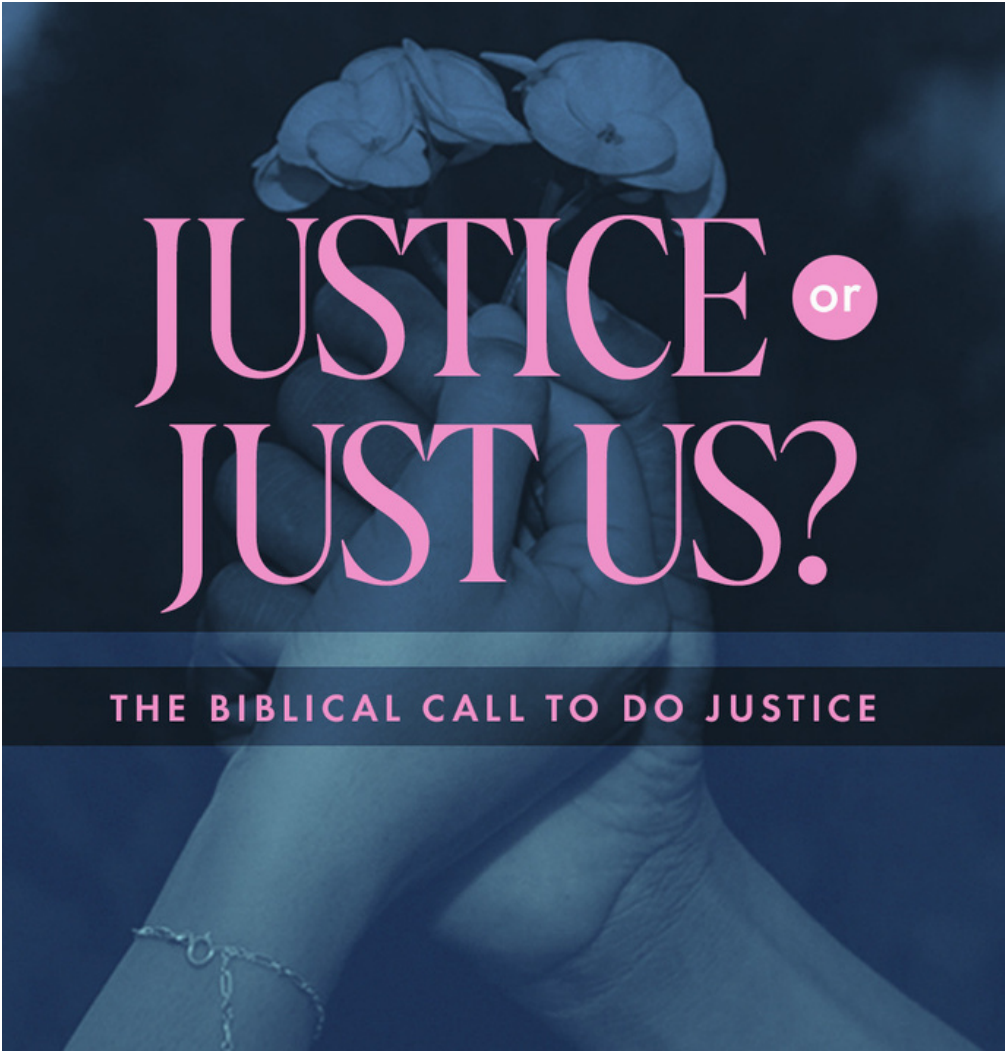
POSTLUDE "Toccata" Robert W. Thygerson



Altar Flowers are presented by Peter Otterman
In Memory of Nancy Eileen Otterman

Aiden Murphy Ring
Son of Andrew & Sarah Ring, grandson of Rod & Carole Ring
Baptism in 9 AM Modern Worship today, January 28, 2024


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Traditional Worship  January 28, 2024

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Ruthie Hobart, Mike Cosmo, David Smith,
Jon & Rev. Beth Wilterdink, Nora Kieser

Members admitted to Rehab, Assisted Living or Nursing Home Facility:

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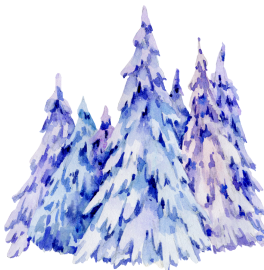
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