

The liturgical color is green, signifying life in the Christian church

PRELUDE "Prelude and Fugue in C Major" J. S. Bach
Amy Bender, organist

WELCOME Jan Rose, Liturgist

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

We are here because we have heard the call of Jesus in our lives.

We are here to challenge and support one another to rise up and follow.

We are here because we want to be God's people.

We want to learn more about what it means to be the people of God.

We come, seeking to be moved, changed, and made whole by the Spirit of the living God.

We are here, Lord, ready to again be made into the Body of Christ. Use our worship to embolden us to be more like Jesus especially in the face of injustice. Amen.

Adapted from "Bread for the Journey" by Ruth Duck

***OPENING HYMN** "For the Healing of the Nations" UMH 428

Hymn History: The music to this hymn is based on the song CWN Rhondda (Rhondda Valley) by John Hughes. He was born in Dowlais, Wales in 1873. Hughes had his first job at the age of twelve as door boy at a coal mine. He later worked as a clerk at the Great Western Colliery in Pontypridd, Wales for forty years. Hughes was a Deacon and leader of congregational singing at the Salem Baptist Chapel in Llanilltud Faerdref, Wales succeeding his father in both positions. Hughes wrote the music to CWN Rhondda one Sunday afternoon at the organ of the Salem church. The music was premiered at the dedication of the organ at Capel Rhondda in Hopkinson, Wales. Hughes always held secular jobs and wrote music as hobby on the side. This melody is also used in hymns 127 and 577 in our hymnal. He died in Llanilltud Faerdref in 1932.

OPENING PRAYER

God of grace and love, God of justice and righteousness, fill us with your power - power to have empathy and courage, power to remain girded by faith and trust in you so that we will do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with you. Amen.

Children are invited to stay in worship or meet in the Narthex to go to Sunday School

ANTHEM 9:00 AM "Simple Song" from Mass Leonard Bernstein
Adrienne Larkin, soloist

11:00 AM "Lift Your Light" Mary McDonald
Chancel Choir

**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 "Offertory" John Ness Beck

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***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.

SHARING STORIES OF GOD AT WORK THROUGH CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

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 "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life" UMH 427

SCRIPTURE John 2:13-17, p. 751

MESSAGE "Justice or Just Us? - World Turned Upside Down"
Rev. Steve Stultz Costello

HOLY COMMUNION The Great Thanksgiving, UMH 18 Musical Setting B

***HYMN OF MISSION** "Bring Forth the Kingdom" TFWS 2190

***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

"Tocatta in F Major"

D. Buxtehude



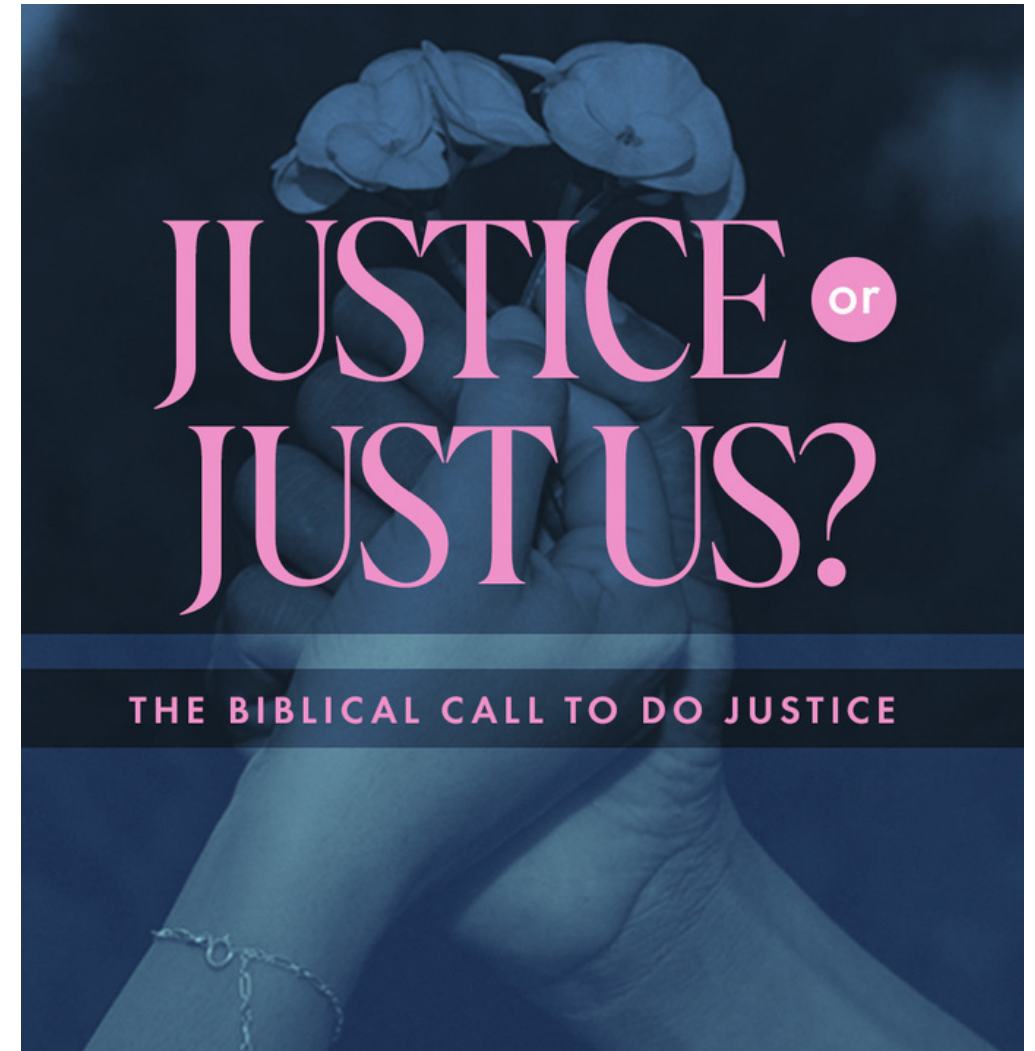
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Traditional Worship  February 4, 2024

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