

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

9:30AM, February 1st, 2026

Asterisk (*) indicates standing, as able. Bold/colored type indicates text spoken in unison.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Responsive

Beloved, what worship does God desire of us?

To do justice, love kindness, and live humbly with God.

In our life together as the body of Christ, what worship does God desire of us?

To do justice, love kindness, and live humbly with God.

When we share the good news with all creation, what worship does God desire of us?

To do justice, love kindness, and live humbly with God.

Come, let us worship God with justice, kindness, and humility!

We come to worship God with our voices and our lives. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*HYMN "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" UMH # 430

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed UMH # 881

OPENING PRAYER Unison

O God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer—how do we thank you? How do we show our gratitude? Do you want signs and sacrifices? Do you want gold and cattle? Can we turn over our children to you? Would that repay our debt, make everything right? Tell us, what do you require in return for all your goodness? O God, our Teacher, Example, and Companion—you have shown us what is good, and you call us to remember that what you require is not repayment of debt or settling the score, but obedience. Show us, O God, when to do justice, how to love kindness, and where to walk humbly with you. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON Unison

Micah reminds us that our prayers, fasting, and pious rituals must be lived out in compassion and justice. When we forget the fast you desire—to do justice and rise up for the powerless: Lord, have mercy. When we forget the prayer you love—to show compassion and care for those in need: Christ, have mercy. When we forget the rituals you require—to create relationships of righteousness and peace: Lord, have mercy.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Friends, the love of God revealed in Jesus forgives us, heals us, and sets us free to rebuild, restore, and raise up foundations for new generations.

Thanks be to God!

JOYS, CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5:3-12 (NRSV)

3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

5 "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

MESSAGE "Beatitudes" Rev. Dongkue Jee

RESPOND TO THE WORD

* HYMN "Thou My Everlasting Portion" UMH # 377

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

INVITATION

COMMUNION UMH # 13

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH # 895

OFFERING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH # 95

*PRAYER OF OFFERING Unison

God of Justice and Mercy, you do not ask for thousands of offerings or rivers of oil, only that we live with love, humility, and a hunger for what is right. Accept these gifts we bring—not as bargaining chips, but as signs of our desire to follow you. Use them and us to pour out kindness where the world is aching, to walk alongside the weary, and to bring your healing presence into troubled places. May our giving be our "yes" to your call, our response to your grace, and our witness to your hope. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love" UMH # 369

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

* The offering plate is located at the entrance of the sanctuary. Please feel free to participate.

* Fellowship follows the worship service. Please join us for refreshments and fellowship in the Parlor.



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