



*We are one family of God, inspired by the Holy Spirit to welcome everyone, to serve our neighbors, and to share God's love and saving grace.*



Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

January 29, 2023

9:00 a.m.

## GATHERING MUSIC

*Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly* (Jason Ingram and Chris Tomlin)  
(Servant Song: Amy Alberg, Elias Barnett, David Delforge,  
Pastor Laura, Jenni Payne, Kate Peterson, John Posselt)

## WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We are celebrating Holy Communion in worship today.
- The Kiddos' Corner is located at the North side of the Sanctuary. Activity Bags are located inside the main entrance. Please utilize these resources as needed throughout our worship service.
- Thank you to our Worship Assistant, Carol Hauck, to our AV technicians, John Rekow and Tony Sie, to Amy Alberg, Kate Peterson, Pastor Laura Laughlin and Servant Song for their music, and to the Hospitality volunteers for their help with today's service!

## CONFESSIONAL SONG

*Blessed Be Your Name* (Matt and Beth Redman)

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who makes all things new.

C: **Amen.**

P: Trusting the goodness of God, let us confess our sin, taking a moment for our own personal reflections.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Holy One, source of our renewal,

C: **we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have not practiced your righteousness.**

**Our hearts have turned away from you.**

**For the sake of the world you love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to you and one another for the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

P: Hear these words of promise: through our Creator's love, the sins we carried with us are no longer present and we are made new. Today and every day, we are forgiven in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*The Feast Is Ready* (ELW 531, vs. 1 & 2)

## GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Holy God,

C: **you give your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that through us the world may know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE READING Micah 6:1-8

<sup>1</sup>Hear what the Lord says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice.

<sup>2</sup>**Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel.**

<sup>3</sup>“O my people, what have I done to you?

In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

<sup>4</sup>**For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.**

<sup>5</sup>O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.”

<sup>6</sup>**“With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?**

<sup>7</sup>Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

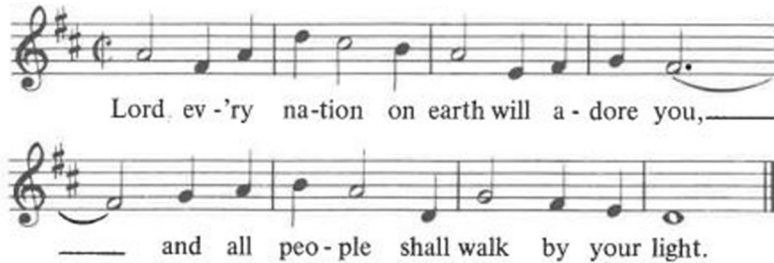
<sup>8</sup>**He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?**

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

## PSALM 72

Every Nation on Earth Will Adore You (Marty Haugen)



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## PREACHING TEXT Matthew 5:1-12

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.

<sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: <sup>3</sup>“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. <sup>5</sup>“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup>“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. <sup>7</sup>“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. <sup>8</sup>“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. <sup>9</sup>“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. <sup>10</sup>“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup>“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE "Words of Comfort" (Pastor Reggie Klindworth)

## SERMON SONG

*Indescribable* (Jesse Reeves and Laura Story)

## STATEMENT OF FAITH

P: With the whole church on earth, let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed:  
C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P: Merciful God,  
C: **receive our prayer.**

## PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
C: **And also with you.**

## OFFERING

*One Voice* (Ruth Moody and The Wailin' Jennys)

(Amy Alberg, Kate Peterson, and Pastor Laura Laughlin, trio)

The offering will be received in offering plates during worship. To give by phone with *Text-to-Give*, text 833-497-3991 with the amount that you would like to contribute. To give online, visit our website and click on the *GIVE+Online* icon. We give thanks and praise for all gifts!

## OFFERTORY

*God's Work, Our Feet* (sung to *Earth and All Stars*) (ACS 1000, vs. 2)

God's work, our feet, trav'ling together;  
following Jesus to places unknown  
Walking as friends, marching for freedom,  
running the race with God's future the goal.  
Bless, God, our feet as we follow your way,  
sharing the good news of the Gospel.

## OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Liberating God,  
C: **you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. We magnify and adore you, through Jesus our Savior, Amen.**

## COMMUNION GREETING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### LORD'S PRAYER

P: God, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: **Our Creator in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

### INVITATION

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. The congregation will be invited, by rows, to come forward and receive a wafer and a cup with either wine or grape-juice. Allergen-free elements are available upon request. Children who are not yet communing are welcome to come forward for a blessing! If you need to be served at your seat, please let an usher know.

### DISTRIBUTION

*Blessed Are The Humble* (Graham Kendrick) (Servant Song)

### COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen.

P: Let us pray. Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you. Amen.

### BLESSING (SPARK DISMISSAL)

P: The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.

C: **Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN

*Do Justice* (Julie Hennies and Larry Olson)

### DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

C: **Thanks be to God. We will!**

### SENDING MUSIC

Ginger Larson, piano

## Announcements

### **Adult Forum: February 5**

There will not be an Adult Forum this Sunday, January 29. Join us on Sunday, February 5, at 10:15 a.m. in the Sun Hall for a presentation by Pastor Doug Cox, Executive Director of Global Health Ministries (partner ministry for CoG's Faithful Knotters and Knitters). Come and hear all about this important organization and how it is doing God's work in the world. All are welcome!

### **2023 Annual Meeting**

The 2023 Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, February 12 at 10:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary and via Zoom.

Advanced registration is requested for those who choose to attend the meeting via Zoom. Those who choose to attend the meeting via Zoom may pre-register on our homepage ([crownofglory.org](http://crownofglory.org)) beginning January 20. Click on "2023 Annual Meeting Pre-registration" under the "Helpful Links" section at the bottom right-hand side of our homepage. Instructions for entering the meeting and an Annual Report will be sent on Thursday, February 9 via email.

Those attending in person will not need to preregister. Paper copies of the Annual Report will be available at the main office desk on Tuesday, January 31.

Immediately following this year's Annual Meeting, we will enjoy a Superbowl Chili Tailgate Party in the Sun Hall! A signup sheet is available in the Gathering Space. All are welcome to attend.

### **Toy Donations**

The Children's Ministry is looking for a few toys to add to the Kiddos' Corner and Sun Hall. If you would like to donate a gently used toy that is quiet enough for a public space, please contact Krysta Flaharty.

### **Soup Suppers are Back During Lent**

Soup Suppers are back starting Wednesday, February 22 through March 29 from 5:00–6:15 p.m. Enjoy a bowl of soup and salad before worship begins.

We are seeking up to three volunteers per week to bring a favorite soup to share. A signup sheet is located in the Gathering Space. Please bring enough soup to feed at least 20-30 people. Soups should be dropped off on Wednesdays by 4:00 p.m. in the church kitchen. Thank you!

### **New Member Orientation: March 5**

For all visitors and guests looking to make Crown of Glory their church home, you are invited to the New Member Orientation on Sunday, March 5 from 10:15-11:00 a.m. in the Conference Room!

If you are interested in joining us for the New Member Orientation, please contact Pastor Reggie, Pastor Laura, or visit our website ([crownofglory.org/join-us](http://crownofglory.org/join-us)) to get signed up electronically.

### **New Member Welcome Weekend: March 11 & 12**

Join us as we welcome new member families on Saturday, March 11, and Sunday, March 12 during each of our worship services. Following worship, all are invited to share in fellowship in the Sun Hall!

## **Ruby's Pantry: February 2**

Ruby's Pantry gathers various food overages, surpluses, and bumper crops into generous food bundles and distributes the food at Pop-Up Pantry locations for a \$25 contribution.

Who: Everyone (No residency or income requirements)

Where: Grace Church (9301 Eden Prairie Road, Eden Prairie)

When: Every 1st Thursday of the Month

Time: 5:00-6:30 p.m.

If you have any questions, please call Loretta at 651-674-0009 or visit [rubyspantry.org](http://rubyspantry.org).

## **Life Line Screening Event: February 17**

There is a simple, convenient way for you to get preventive health screenings and learn your risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions. These painless screenings go beyond your regular checkup to identify dangerous plaque buildup or blockage, a major risk factor for stroke and heart disease. The screenings are accurate, affordable and will give you valuable information about your health that you can share with your doctor. We are pleased to host Life Line Screening, who will be at Crown of Glory on Friday, February 17, to conduct these valuable screenings.

These 4 vital screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. Register by calling toll-free 1-888-653-6441, texting the word "circle" to 216-279-1607, or online at [llsa.social/HC](http://llsa.social/HC).

## Tom Paulson's Music Notes

If you've ever received an email from me, you know that my email signature includes the quote, "Do justice, love kindness, walk humbly." Micah 6:8 is one of my favorite Bible verses because I believe if we had more justice, kindness, and humility, we could make this a better world for everyone. I want to do everything I can to make this a better world and encourage others to do the same.

It should be no surprise, then, that we often sing the song *Do Justice*, by Larry Olson & Julie Hennies, in worship. It is a great song! Verse 1 says:

"Racing around, chasing idols, unfulfilled, empty vessels,  
World on the edge, out of control. Will we survive, God only knows.  
Do justice, love kindness, walk humbly with our God, with our God."

Do we spend too much of our lives "racing around" chasing the wrong things? Are our lives full of money, power, prestige, etc., but we still feel unfulfilled, lonely, and lost? Perhaps we are looking for the wrong things in the wrong places. The prophet Micah preached against injustice, meanness, pettiness, and pride. He encourages us to live our lives full of the love of God, with a higher purpose and meaning, leaving the world a better place than we found it.

This song puts a New Testament twist on this Old Testament prophet's voice. Verse 3 says:

"Deadly hunger, desperate crying, wounded living, people dying,  
Nails in the flesh, piercing fear, why can't we see Christ hanging here?  
Do justice, love kindness, walk humbly with our God, with our God."

I encourage you to find a way to take these words to heart, even if they just become a part of your email signature. You never know who might need to see them next!

## Worship Attendance

**Sunday, January 21**

5:00 p.m.: 30

**Sunday, January 22**

9:00 a.m.: 128

9:00 a.m.: 23 Livestream Views

Next Day: 50 Total Views

## Financial Update

December Giving Update

Expenses	\$70,690
Rental Income	\$9,449
Giving Through 12/31/22	\$83,435
Total Revenue	\$92,884

Unaudited Sustaining Fund Summary: 12/31/2022

YTD Mortgage & Cash Payments	\$758,597
YTD Revenue	\$729,920
Balance	(-\$28,677)

To give via Venmo, scan the QR code.  
Include the amount you would like to  
contribute and the fund you are giving to.



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Pastor Reggie Klindworth, and  
Pastor Laura Laughlin

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**Office Hours:** Monday-Thursday 9:00-5:00 p.m.

**Worship Schedule:** Saturday 5:00 p.m. & Sunday 9:00 a.m.