

**ORDER OF WORSHIP with TEXTS**  
**Sunday, June 14, 2020**  
**Extra Credit: Justice**

I. **Countdown** (Extra Credit Square Graphic)

II. **Prelude** (Diane)

III. **Welcome** (Rachael)

IV. **Opening Prayer** (Rachael)

**Holy God, even from a distance, our spirits are gathered together to worship you. Bless us with your presence and open our hearts to your Spirit. Hold us in grief, sustain us in waiting, help us to consider the needs of others, and draw us always nearer to you. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

V. **Song/Hymn - For the Beauty of the Earth**

*UM Hymnal #92, vs 1 and 2*

*Words: Folliot S. Pierpoint; Music: Conrad Kocher, arr. W.H. Monk*

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*For the beauty of the earth,  
For the glory of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth  
Over and around us lies.*

*Lord of all, to thee we raise  
This our hymn of grateful praise*

*For the beauty of each hour  
Of the day and of the night  
Hill and vale and tree and flower  
Sun and moon and stars of light*

VI. **Video: WHAT IS Justice** (Harris)

Mostly when we think about justice, we think about what is fair. We think about people getting what they deserve. We talk about justice when someone does something wrong and they get a punishment.

Of course, when we are the ones who did something wrong, we might have a different idea of what justice looks like than when someone else does something wrong.

In the Bible, Jesus talks about justice being much more than crimes and punishments. In fact, he even challenges the ideas of the day about what is fair. Before Jesus, justice

usually meant that whatever someone did should be done back to them. It was called “an eye for an eye.”

Then Jesus came along and talked about mercy. He talked about forgiveness. He talked about compassion. He talked about humility. He said it was really possible for God to transform someone’s life. He said that God could free people from their selfishness and tear down the towers people built to protect their own sin. He believed it so much that he was willing to die for it. And so, justice started to mean something more.

That makes justice so important. When we follow Jesus, justice is about treating all people like human beings who are loved by God and who deserve to be treated with dignity. Justice is about working together for a transformed world. Justice is about lining ourselves up with God’s way of doing things and standing up for what is right instead of what is comfortable or easy.

God, give me the courage to act with justice. Amen.

**VII. Offering Intro/Prayer of Dedication** (Laura...already recorded)

**VIII. “Offertory” Music: Erik Doucette**

*Draw Near All Ye People (Elijah)*

*Mendelssohn Op. 70*

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**IX. Scripture Readings** (Elaine)

Micah 6:8

He has told you, human one, what is good and what the Lord requires from you: to do justice, embrace faithful love, and walk humbly with your God.

Matthew 23:23

“How terrible it will be for you legal experts and Pharisees! Hypocrites! You give to God a tenth of mint, dill, and cumin, but you forget about the more important matters of the Law: justice, peace, and faith. You ought to give a tenth but without forgetting about those more important matters.”

**X. Hymn - What does the Lord Require of You**

*The Faith We Sing #2174*

*Words and Music: Jim Strathdee*

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*What does the Lord require of you*

*2174 What does the Lord require of you*

*Justice kindness walk humbly with your God*

*To seek justice and love kindness*

*And walk humbly with your God*

**XI. Sermon**

**2020.05.17 Sermon on Justice**

(Guest Preacher: Rev. Duane Wacker)

**XII. Song: *We Are Called***

*The Faith We Sing* Number 2172, vs 1 and 3

Words and Music: David Haas

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*Come! live in the light!*

*Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!*

*We are called to be light for the kingdom,*

*to live in the freedom of the city of God!*

*We are called to act with justice.*

*We are called to love tenderly.*

*We are called to serve one another,*

*to walk humbly with God.*

*Sing! Sing a new song!*

*Sing of that great day when all will be one!*

*God will reign and we'll walk with each other*

*as sisters and brothers united in love!*

**XIII. Pastoral Prayer (Laura)**

**XIV. The Lord's Prayer** (kids, already recorded)

**XV. Spoken Benediction, Share Practicing Justice (Rachael)**

<https://www.umcjustice.org/news-and-stories/social-principles-2020-607>

**XVI. Sung Benediction: The Lord Bless You and Keep You**

**XVII. Postlude**

played by Diane Gronewold on the UMCA organ