

All are welcome in this place,
all are welcome in God's space.
Young and old and in between,
short and tall, large and lean.
Those who are lonely, tired, and hurting,
or giggling, smiling, or practically bursting.
Each as we are, wonderfully made,
we join in God's house together, today.

Opening Prayer: (In unison) Inara Wightman

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**Strong and Tender One,
We approach you today,
filled with childlike wonder
and a willingness to express ourselves
beyond our comfort level.
Open us so we may soar beyond
the comfort of the present.
Move us into your presence,
more and more, day by day. Amen.**

Movements: Wendy Morrell

Special Music: You Are Welcome Here - Burrows Bell Canto – director: Erin Berard

Time for the Young at Heart: Erin Berard

Prayer of Jesus / The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kin-dom 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 kin-dom, the power and the glory,
Forever and ever, Amen.

*** Song: "I've Got Peace in my Fingers" (Susan Salidor)**

Prayer for Illumination: (Unison) Readers: Noah & Nicholas Berard

Holy God, you are the Storyteller,
you are the Word.
Bless the reading.
Bless the listening.
Bless the sharing.
Bless the love in Christ's name. Amen.

Scripture Reading: Micah 6:6-8 (The Voice)

⁶What should I bring into the presence of the Eternal One
to pay homage to the God Most High?

Should I come into His presence with burnt offerings,
with year-old calves *to sacrifice*?

⁷Would the Eternal be pleased by thousands of *sacrificial* rams,
by ten thousand *swollen* rivers of *sweet olive* oil?

Should I offer my oldest *son* for my wrongdoing,
the child of my body to cover the sins of my life?

⁸*No*. He has told you, mortals, what is good *in His sight*.

What else does the Eternal ask of you
But to live justly and to love kindness
and to walk with your True God in all humility?

Hear what the Prophet Micah is saying to all of us.

We listen and we respond with action.

Ministry of Music: Give Me Oil - Songs for a Gospel People #130

Interactive Sermon: “The Micah 6:8 Challenge!” Rev. Kim Vidal

Sung Response: What Does the Lord Require - Voices United #701

(Words & Music: Jim Strathdee, 1986)

What does the Lord require of you?

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.

Prayers of the People: Rev. Kim Vidal, Katrina & Heidi TeGrotenhuis

Let us gather our hearts in prayer.

God of all ages,
may we honour your presence
in the promise of the chilly morning,
in the dancing brightness of the sun,
in the music of our spirits,
in the laughter and joy of all.

We are grateful for our youth and children
whose voices we hear and whose presence we celebrate.
We are thankful for our young adults and elders
whose wisdom and faithfulness move us to acts of kindness and love.

Offertory Hymn: What Can I Do? - More Voices #191

What can I do? What can I bring?
What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.

***Offertory Prayer: (Unison)**

This offering has the power to help others.
This offering demonstrates our love for those in need.
This offering reflects your love, O God.
Bless these gifts and the givers,
we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen

***Closing Hymn: Be Kind to One Another**

Tune: Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864 ("The Church's One Foundation")

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Be kind to one another, be tender-hearted too —
forgiving one another, as Christ has pardoned you.
Refrain from any gossip, for gossip is a sin.
Be open to new friendships, and welcome people in.

Be kind in all your speaking and hear what others say.
Be open to Christ's teaching, and in all matters, pray.
Be gentle, loving, faithful and keep a humble mind.
Remember what is truthful. In everything be kind.

Be kind within your circle, but look past what you see;
Be kind to those in trouble — the poor, the refugee.
The world is filled with violence; write letters, call out sin!
Don't ever sit in silence and let the evil win.

O God of love, you've taught us. You've shown us what to do:
Be just, commit to kindness, walk humbly here with you.
Your Spirit gives us courage to truly live this way.
May love become our message; may kindness win the day.

***Sending Forth: (Responsively)**

Rev. Kim Vidal

People of God, step forward into the world in which we live.

**We will keep our hearts steadfast on the priorities to which God guides us:
to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly.**

Go forth with confidence in the name of
God the Lover,
Jesus Christ, the Beloved
and the Holy Spirit who is Love. **Amen!**

***Sung Blessing – Let There be Peace on Earth (Miller/Jackson)**

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me

Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God our creator, children all are we

Let us walk with each other, in perfect harmony

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now,

With every step I take let this be my solemn vow.

To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me