

What does the Lord require of you?

DO JUSTICE

Love Kindness

WALK HUMBLY WITH

YOUR GOD

MICAH 6:8

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COMMUNITY GATHERS IN SPIRIT BEFORE GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING MUSIC & LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: This is a place of worship and praise

ALL: We are glad to be here!

One: Around us are friends who are with us in joy and sorrow.

ALL: We rejoice in their presence!

One: This a faith community through which compassion and justice become possible.

ALL: We will accept the responsibility

One: This is the Good News of your kingdom that Jesus proclaimed in word and deed.

ALL: Most gracious and loving God, we will follow in Jesus' way.

***OPENING HYMN Community of Christ #314**

**Community of Christ, who make the Cross your own,
Live out your creed and risk your life for God alone:
The God who wears your face, to whom all words belong,
whose children are of every race and every song.**

**Community of Christ, look past the church's door
and see the refugee, the hungry, and the poor.
Take hands with the oppressed, the jobless in your street,
take towel and water, that you wash your neighbor's feet.**

**Community of Christ, through whom the world must sound-
cry out for justice and for peace the whole world 'round:
Disarm the powers that war and all that can destroy,
turn bombs to bread, and tears of anguish into joy.**

**When menace melts away, so shall God's will be done,
the climate of the world be peace and Christ its Sun;
Our currency be love and kindness our law,
our food and faith be shared as one for ever more.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVING GRACE

One: While it is true that we have sinned, it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God's love in Jesus Christ. To all who humbly seek the mercy of God I say, in Jesus Christ our sin is forgiven.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

One: May the God of mercy, who forgives all our sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and, by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep you in eternal life. Amen

***SHARING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

THE COMMUNITY LISTENS FOR THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER

One: Our Lord and our God, now as we hear your Word, fill us with your Spirit. Soften our hearts that we may delight in your presence. Sharpen our minds that we may discern your truth. Shape our wills that we may desire your ways. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Micah 6: 1-8

Hear what the Lord says:

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

“O my people, what have I done to you?

In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

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.

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.”

“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?

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?”

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?

One: God is still speaking

ALL: Thanks be to God

SPECIAL MUSIC

MESSAGE

Compassion is the Offering
Reverend Patty Dodds

THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO THE WORD OF GOD

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS

ALL: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Response to the prayers

One: Christ in your Mercy,

ALL: Hear our Prayer.

PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR

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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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.

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OUR LIVES

One: God has shown us the meaning of generosity in the beautiful diversity of creation, in the overflowing love of Jesus Christ, and in the never ending gift of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: God has abundantly blessed us and calls us to be a community that honors each other, to be servants to others with joy, to share our love and material possessions.

One: Let us honor God from thankful hearts and joyful spirits.

ALL: God of extravagant mercy, we come to dedicate all our offerings to you. We are disciples of Jesus Christ, commissioned to share the Good news. May all that we dedicate -- our abilities, the fleeting moments of our days, the resources entrusted to our management -- announce your reign and the nearness of your kingdom. We give with joy, thanking you for the opportunity to be a blessing to all the families of the earth. Amen

THE COMMUNITY DEPARTS FOR MINISTRY

***CLOSING HYMN Now is the Time Approaching #609**

Now is the time approaching, by prophets long foretold,
when all shall dwell together, secure and manifold.
Let war be learned no longer, let strife and tumult cease,
all earth a blessed garden that God shall tend in peace.

Let all that now divides us remove and pass away,
Like mists of early morning before the blaze of day.
Let all that now unites us more sweet and lasting prove,
A closer bond of union, in blessed lands of love.

O long expected dawning, come with your cheering ray!
Yet shall the promise beckon and lead us not astray.
O sweet anticipation! It cheers the watchers on
to pray, and hope, and labor until Christ's new realm is come.

***COMMISSION**

Pastor: As we prepare to leave this place, let us proclaim the ministry to which God has called us:

People: We will go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; and with God's help, let us be of good courage, holding fast to that which is good; With Christ as our model, we will render to no one evil for evil; we will strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak; help the afflicted and honor all people. Let us rejoice in the power of the Holy Spirit.

***BENEDICTION**

SUNG BENEDICTION (inside back cover of New Century Hymnal)

GO TO LOVE AND SERVE GOD AND ALL PEOPLE

***indicates an invitation to stand either in body or in spirit**

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Announcements:

This Sunday's flowers donated by the Himpsl family in memory of "Bud" Gainer

Masks are no longer required in our building. Members and friends should determine based on their personal health and vaccination status if they wish to continue wearing one. Also please be sensitive to one another's need for continued social distancing.

Mark your calendar for September 12th – We will have a special service to celebrate being together again followed by a meal.

Please consider helping with our worship. Ushers, Lay Readers, Sound/Video Volunteers are needed. Call or email the church office for more information. Everyone Can Participate!

Mark your Calendars for our upcoming Chicken Barbeques! September 18th.

Our next Arts & Crafts Night will be August 12th from 6-9pm. Bring your own craft or come to chat.

Please contact Pastor Patty if you have any concerns or needs, or if you just need to talk. Phone: 570-506-0677, email: Pastor@MountvilletrinityUCC.org

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Next Sunday, August 1st, Scripture: Luke 12: 22-34

He said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.