



What Does the LORD Require?

Holding It Together

Wednesday, March 25, 2026, 7:00 p.m.
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Helping people make life-changing connections with God
through Jesus Christ.

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Notes for Worship

- Hymnals: ELW: cranberry ACS purple.
- We invite children of all ages to be in worship with us. Children are welcome to use the Pray-Ground in front of the church on the piano side as a comfortable space to experience worship. If you feel your child(ren) are being too disruptive, you are welcome to move into the Chapel.

GATHERING

PRELUDE *We Come to the Hungry Feast*

setting, David Cherwien

OPENING LITANY

The Lord has shown us what is good.

We come, seeking what is true.

The Lord does not ask for spectacle or sacrifice.

We come, weary of pretending.

The Lord asks for lives shaped by faith.

Teach us, O God, what you require of us.

To do justice in a world bent toward harm.

Open our eyes to see clearly.

To love kindness when mercy feels costly.

Soften our hearts to love deeply.

To walk humbly with our God.

Slow our steps and stay with us.

We gather with questions, with doubts, with hope.

We gather trusting your grace is enough.

Come, Holy God.

Shape us by your Word.

Form us for faithful living.

Amen.



1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
 2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
 3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
 from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
 and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
 poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
 with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

WORD

FIRST READING

Micah 6:8

⁸ 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?

The word of the Lord.

**Teach us, O God, what you require of us:
 to do justice, to love kindness,
 and to walk humbly with you.**

SECOND READING

Matthew 25:31-46

³¹ "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³ and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴ Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, ³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you

welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸ And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ ⁴⁰ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.’ ⁴¹ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, ⁴² for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ ⁴⁴ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?’ ⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ ⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life.”

The word of the Lord.

**Teach us, O God, what you require of us:
to do justice, to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with you.**

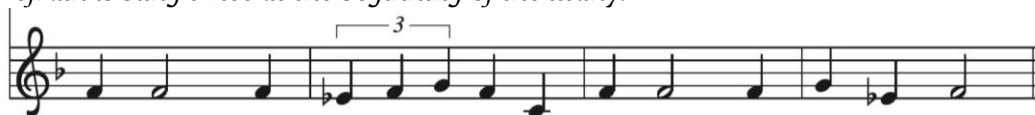
SERMON

Pastor Hooper

A LITANY OF FAITHFUL LIVING *Feed Us with Hunger for Justice*

ACS 968

Refrain is sung twice at the beginning of the litany.



Feed us with hun-ger for jus-tice. Feed us with thirst for peace.

We believe in God,
who has shown us what is good,
**who calls us not to empty sacrifice
but to faithful lives.**

We believe God's mercy goes before us
and God's grace walks beside us. R

We believe in Jesus Christ
who lived justice,

who embodied kindness,
who walked humbly with God and neighbor.

In his life, we see what faith looks like.

In his cross, we see love poured out.

In his resurrection, we see hope made real.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who opens our eyes to injustice,
softens our hearts toward mercy,
and teaches us how to walk in trust. R**

The Spirit forms us for faithful living
in a broken and beloved world.

**We believe we are called
to do justice—**

not with fear, but with courage;

To love kindness—

not as weakness, but as strength;

And to walk humbly with our God—

not alone, but together.

This is the faith we confess.

This is the life we seek to live.

**Trusting not in our perfection,
But in God's steadfast love.**

Amen. R (*sung twice*)

OFFERING *Quiet Streets*

Ola Gjeilo

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OFFERING PRAYER

God of grace, you have shown us what is good. Receive these gifts as signs of lives seeking faithfulness, doing justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly with you. Use them for the healing of the world, through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
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.**

SENDING

BENEDICTION

“Go now in peace, doing justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly with God. May the justice of Christ compel you, the kindness of the Spirit sustain you, and the humility of God’s own life within you as you go in peace to serve the Lord.”

Amen.



1 "Come now, you bless - ed, eat at my ta - ble,"
 2 When did we see you hun - gry or thirst - y?
 3 "When you gave bread to earth's hun - gry chil - dren,
 4 Christ, when we meet you out on life's road - ways,



said Je - sus Christ to the righ - teous a - bove.
 When were you home - less, a strang - er a - lone?
 when you gave wel - come to war's ref - u - gees,
 look - ing to us in the fac - es of need,



"When I was hun - gry, thirst - y, and home-less,
 When did we see you sick or in pris - on?
 when you re - mem - bered those most for - got - ten,
 then may we know you, wel - come and show you



sick and in pris - on, you showed me your love."
 What have we done that you call us your own?
 you cared for me in the small - est of these."
 love that is faith - ful in word and in deed.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always!

And also with you!

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NOTES FOR WORSHIP

- Need to enter/leave the sanctuary while the service is underway? Please find times that are least distracting to others to do so. Appropriate times could be during a hymn, the peace, or the offering. Please try to avoid movement during divine moments of sacred action (when God has promised to be among us in special ways): in the reading/preaching of Scripture and in the Sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion. And remember, there is a lot of grace for families and small children – their voices, wiggles, unexpected movements are part of the joy of living in community together.
- Our midweek services are livestreamed to the web via Facebook and our website, where they are archived for later viewing. Leaders and active assistants/participants in the service appear in the livestream. It is also possible that you and/or your children may be seen in our livestream.
- Please wear a nametag, especially to welcome visitors. It's another way we can be welcoming and help us to say hello to each other!

Friendship Pads

Please be sure to sign in on the friendship pads located in each pew.

Serving Tonight:

Presiding and preaching:	Pastor Hooper
Music:	Michael Schaner
Worship Tech:	Susan Klabunde
Ushers:	Randy Martin
	John Christiansen