

Worship Bulletin - Bethel Congregational Church UCC

February 1 2026 –4th Sunday after Epiphany

“#Blessed”



Centering Words

(Matthew 5:6)

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for justice, for they will receive it in full.”



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Sunday – February 1, 2026

Prelude

Music for Gathering

Sandy Gunn

Call to Worship

ONE: Beloved, what worship does God desire of us?

MANY: To do justice, love kindness, and live humbly with God.

ONE: In our life together as the body of Christ, what worship does God desire of us?

MANY: To do justice, love kindness, and live humbly with God.

ONE: When we share the good news with all creation, what worship does God desire of us?

MANY: To do justice, love kindness, and live humbly with God.

ONE: Come, let us worship God with justice, kindness, and humility!

MANY: We come to worship God with our voices and our lives. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Unison Opening Prayer (Micah 6, Psalm 15, Matthew 5, 1 Corinthians 1)

Loving God,
we come this morning
seeking to abide in your presence.
Open our minds to your spirit of wisdom,
that we may know how to live as your people.
Open our hearts to your spirit of truth,
that we may love all your people with a love
that speaks of justice, kindness,
and radical grace.
May this time of worship
be authentic and pleasing to you. Amen.

Gathering Hymn: *What Does the Lord Require of You?* Jim and Jean Strathdee

We will sing each part 2 times to learn them.

Then we will start at the beginning, adding each voice in.

After all 3 parts have joined, we will sing the song 3 times with all parts.

LEARNING:

Part 1 (Low Voices):

What does the Lord require of you? What does the Lord require of you?

Part 2 (Middle Voices):

Justice, Kindness, Walk humbly – with your God.

Part 3: (High Voices):

To seek justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with your God.

SINGING ALL:

Part 1

Part 1, add Part 2

Part 1 and 2, add Part 3

Sing all 3 parts 3 more times (or as many times as we want...)

16. What Does the Lord Require?

Micah 6:8

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music by
JIM STRATHDEE

BASS B_b F Gm Dm E_b B_b Cm F B_b

What does the Lord re-quire of you? What does the Lord re-quire of you?

ALTO/TENOR B_b F/A bass Gm Dm/F E_b B_b/D Cm F B_b

Jus - tice, kind - ness, walk hum-bly with — your God.

What does the Lord re-quire of you? What does the Lord re-quire of you?

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SOPRANO B_b F/A Gm Dm/F E_b B_b/D Cm⁷ F B_b ¹ repeat ad. lib. Last time B_b

To seek jus-tice and love kind-ness and walk hum-bly with your God. God.

Jus - tice, kind - ness, walk hum-bly with — your God. God.

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Welcome, Passing the Peace - Announcements/Regular and Special Events

- **ANNUAL MEETING – SUNDAY FEBRUARY 15, 2026 following worship.**
- **COUNCIL MEETING – SUNDAY FEBRUARY 1, 2026 following worship**
- **Sundays – Worship! (Bethel 10am Sanctuary/Parlor; FCCO 11:30am**
- **Tuesdays – 7pm SSO Chorus – begins Feb 17th**
- **Wednesdays - 6pm Scouts(basement). 3rd Wednesdays 7pm – Spiritual Studies with Rev. Heather Miner (“The Tears of Things” by Richard Rohr. Next session Feb 17.)**
- **Thursdays 10am - Qi-Gong ;**
- **Fridays – evenings SWE Rehearsals (sanctuary/parlor)**
- **Saturdays –SSO Rehearsals (mornings begins Jan 31); FCCO Korean Fellowship 10-2; SJO Concert Jan 24 4pm; SWE Concert Feb 7, 4pm.**

Children's Time

*Gloria

Glory to the Creator,
 The Christ, the Holy Spirit Three in One
 As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be
 World without end, Amen, Amen.

Kids Video

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 As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be
 World without end, Amen, Amen.

71 Glory to the Creator

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shall be, world with-out end. A-men. A-men.

Hebrew 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?

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

Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Prayer of Yearning (*Micah 6, Psalm 15, 1 Corinthians 1, Matthew 5*)

When we feel beaten down by the world, Merciful One,
free us from sorrow and grief.

When we are wounded by careless words,
help us refrain from lashing out in our suffering
and hurting the ones we love.

Fill us with a hunger and a thirst for righteousness,
that we may walk humbly in your ways
and be a blessing to everyone we meet. Amen.

Words of Assurance (*Micah 6, Matthew 5*)

God is stronger than our weaknesses,
and greater than our failings.

Even when we fall short,
God's love embraces us
and sets us on the path of life once more.

Prayers of the People

Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever and ever. Amen

Offering

Invitation to Generosity (Pastor)

Giving Options: In person –We are not yet “passing the plate”. You may leave your offering in one of the offering plates (front of the sanctuary, or usher’s table in the rear).

Give online at www.bethelucontario.org,



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Church
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Blessing and Dedication of the Gifts (Micah 6, Matthew 5)

Source of justice and mercy, work through this offering to bring your gifts to the world: righteousness and peace, love and kindness, hope and joy.

May our gifts truly express our gratitude for your many blessings for our church and for your children everywhere. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

The Invitation (Pastor)

Communion Prayer

Words of Institution

Prayer for the Holy Spirit

Distribution of the Elements

Come, let’s eat this bread and drink this cup together

Prayer - Unison

Together we trust in this moment of transformation which is made possible by You. Give us the strength to continue on the journey and to set tables that are welcoming and ever expanding. Amen.

You are salt for the earth, O people:

salt for the reign of God!

Share the flavor of life, O people:

life in the City of God!

REFRAIN: *Bring forth the reign of mercy,*

bring forth the reign of peace;

Bring forth the reign of justice,

bring forth the City of God!

You are a light on the hill, O people: light for

the City of God!

Shine so holy and bright, O people: shine for

the City of God! [REFRAIN]

You are a seed of the Word, O people:

bring forth the reign of God!

Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,

grow in the City of God! [REFRAIN]

We are a blessed and a pilgrim people:

bound for the reign of God!

Love our journey and love our homeland:

love is the City of God! [REFRAIN]

You Are Salt for the Earth, O People

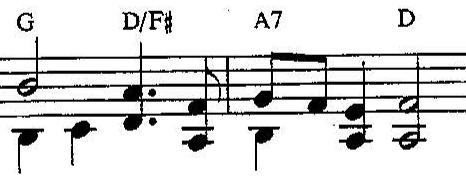
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Paraphr. by Marty Haugen, 1986; alt.

Matt. 5:13-15

Unison

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1 You are salt for the earth, O peo-ple: salt for the reign of God!
 2 You are a light on the hill, O peo-ple: light for the Cit - y of God!
 3 You are a seed of the Word, O peo-ple: bring forth the reign of God!
 4 We are a blessed and a pil - grim peo-ple: bound for the reign of God!



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Share the fla - vor of life, O peo - ple: life in the Cit - y of God!
 Shine so ho - ly and bright, O peo - ple: shine for the Cit - y of God!
 Seeds of mer - cy and seeds of jus - tice, grow in the Cit - y of God!
 Love our jour - ney and love our home - land: love is the Cit - y of God!



Refrain

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Bring forth the reign of mer - cy, bring forth the reign of peace;



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Unison Benediction

As you have learned wisdom—go and teach!
As you have been fed, go to feed the hungry.
As you have been set free, go to set free the imprisoned.
As you have heard – proclaim.
And the blessing which you have received
from the Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit be always with you.
Go in Peace
Go in Love
Go in Joy
Amen

Postlude

Carillon



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*God sends us to serve, but God does not send us alone.
The Spirit is with us in the world, guiding our steps and protecting our paths.
Christ yearns for us to be one in ministry and service,
and one in community and faith—a unity that we discover
through the Spirit's miraculous power in our lives.
Sent to serve, we are sent not only with the power of the Spirit,
but also with the power of unity with one another.
Embracing this unity with both the Holy Spirit and one another
opens a path to the “complete joy” that Christ prays we may one day know.*