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9:15 AM — January 29, 2023 — Fourth Sunday After Epiphany
ALIVE! Worship Service

INTRODUCTION

Who are the blessed ones of God? For Micah, they are those who do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. For Paul, they are the ones who find wisdom in the weakness of the cross. For Jesus, they are the poor, the meek, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, those who mourn, and those who hunger for righteousness. In baptism we find our blessed identity and calling in this countercultural way of living and serving.

Blessed Are The Humble

Words and Music by
Graham Kendrick

$\text{♩} = 85$

C^2 G/E G/B

1. Blessed are _ the hum - ble _ in spir - it _
(2.) blessed are _ those who hung - er, _ who thirst for _

4 C^2 G/E C^2 G/B

jus - tice, _ for theirs is _ the king - dom _ of heav - en. _
for sure - ly _ You'll fill them _ com - plete - ly. _

8 C^2 G/E C^2 G/B

And blessed are _ the mourn - ers _ they will find _
And those who _ show mer - cy _ will be shown _

12 C^2 G/E C^2

com - fort. _ And blessed are _ the low - ly _ they shall
mer - cy. _ And blessed are _ the pure hearts, _ they'll see

15 G/B C^2 G/B C^2 C^2 G

reign (they shall reign) on the earth. (on the earth.) Oh how _ You bless _ us, Lord!
God, (they'll see God,) they'll see God. (they'll see God.)

19 Dm^7 Em^7 Am^7 G/B C C^2/D G

Bless - ing up - on bless - ing, Lord! Mak - ing us _ a bless - ing, a bless - ing _ for _ the world.

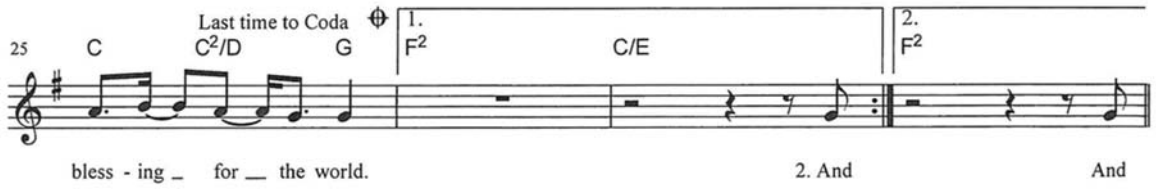
Blessed Are The Humble - 2

22 C² G Dm⁷ Em⁷ Am⁷ G/B



Oh how _ You bless _ us, Lord! Bless-ing up - on bless - ing, Lord! Mak-ing us _ a bless - ing, a

25 C C²/D G 1. F² C/E 2. F²



bless - ing _ for _ the world. 2. And And

29 G F² C²



blessed are _ peace - mak - ers, called the _ sons _ of God. Blessed are _ those _ op-pressed

32 Am⁷ D⁷ G C



for right - eous - ness' sake for _ theirs _ shall be, shall _ al - ways be,

35 F² Am⁷ D⁷ F² D.S. al Coda



yes, _ theirs _ shall be heav - en's king - dom. ____

38 Coda F² C/E G



Coda F² C/E G

Verses 1, 2, & 5

Beauty for brokenness

God of the poor

17

G D/F# G⁷/F C/E

1 Beau - ty for bro - ken - ness, hope for de - spair:
 2 Shel - ter for fra - gile lives, cures for their ills,
 3 Ref - uge from cru - el wars, ha - vens from fear,
 4 Rest for the rav - aged earth, o - ceans and streams,
 5 Light - en our dark - ness, breathe on this flame,

Am⁷ D Bm⁷ Em⁷ Em/A D

Lord, in the suf - fer - ing this is our prayer.
 work for the crafts - men, trade for their skills;
 cit - ies for sanc - tu - a - ry, free - doms to share;
 plun - dered and poi - soned, our fu - ture, our dreams.
 un - til your jus - tice burns bright - ly a - gain;

B Em C G

Bread for the chil - dren, jus - tice, joy, peace;
 land for the dis - pos - sessed, rights for the weak,
 peace to the kill - ing fields, scorched earth to green,
 Lord, end our mad - ness, care - less - ness, greed;
 un - til the na - tions learn of your ways,

Bm⁷ C Am⁷ D G

sun - rise to sun - set your king - dom in - crease.
 voic - es to plead the cause of those who can't speak.
 Christ for the bit - ter - ness, his cross for the pain.
 make us con - tent with the things that we need.
 seek your sal - va - tion, and bring you their praise.

Refrain

D⁷ G B⁷ Em C Am⁷

God of the poor, friend of the weak, give us com - pas - sion, we

D D⁷/F# G B⁷ Em

pray; melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like rain.

C Am⁷ C/D G²

Come, change our love from a spark to a flame.

What Does the Lord Require of You?

Part I

What does the Lord re - quire of you?

Part II

Jus - tice, kind - ness,

Part III

To seek jus - tice and love kind - ness

What does the Lord re - quire of you?

walk hum - bly with your God.

and walk hum - bly with your God.

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Music: MOON, Jim Strathdee

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PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYERS

KYRIE

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord**

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord**

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord**

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord**

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me



1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, . . . with - out end. A - men.



and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, . . . with - out end. A - men.



and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.



As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be. A - men.

Text: Paul M. Vasile, b. 1976, based on the Gloria Patri

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READING

Micah 6:1-8

A reading from Micah.

With the mountains and the foundations of the earth as the jury, God brings a lawsuit against Israel. God has “wearied” Israel with a long history of saving acts. God does not want or expect lavish sacrifices to attempt to earn divine favor. Rather God empowers the people to do justice, to love loyalty to God, and to walk shrewdly in God’s service.

¹Hear what the LORD says:

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

²Hear, 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.

³“O my people, what have I done to you?
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

⁴For 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.

⁵O 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.”

⁶“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?

⁷Will 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?”

⁸He 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.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM HYMN (Psalm 15)

CONFESSION

Lord, Who May Dwell
within Your House
(Psalm 15) 419

Capo 1: (A7) (D) (Bm7) (G) (Bm) (A7)
B^b7 E^b Cm7 A^b Cm B^b7

1 Lord, who may dwell with - in your house or
2 Who have no guile up - on their tongues nor
3 Who do no wrong, but keep their word and

(D) (Bm7) (A) (A7) (G) (D)
E^b Cm7 B^b B^b7 A^b E^b

on your ho - ly hill? Those who do good and
harm their neigh - bor's life, but hon - or those who
seek no bribe or gain. All those who do such

(G) (A) (D) (Bm) (A7) (D)
A^b B^b E^b Cm B^b7 E^b

speak the truth, whose lives are blame - less still;
fear the Lord and turn a - way from strife;
things shall live and safe from harm re - main.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Although Psalm 15 is sometimes said to reflect a call for entrance to the Temple, it is better understood as a demand for holiness in a manner that reflects God's values rather than self-interests. Those who selfishly attend themselves to God will never be disappointed.

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GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus opens the Sermon on the Mount by naming those who are blessed in the reign of God.

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Wade Roof

ANTHEM *Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly* Barret, Ingram and Tomlin SS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep.

Let us confront our sins, and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

God of new beginnings,

we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign.

We have strayed from your paths.

We prepare for war instead of peace.

We dishonor one another and your creation.

Purify us with your refining fire and set us again on your way of love,

that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance, and welcome your coming among us.

Amen.

People of God, a new thing is growing in our midst, a tender branch, a living sign.

By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder.

You have put on † Christ, and your sins have been washed away.

Rejoice in the way of the Lord.

Amen

OFFERING

ANTHEM

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Give thanks



Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One,



give thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je-sus Christ, his Son.



Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One,



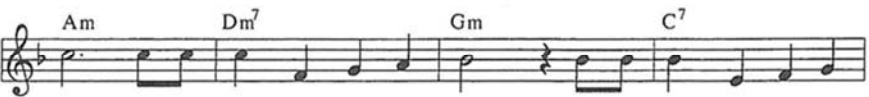
give thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je-sus Christ, his Son.



And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am



rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. And



now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am



rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

SENDING

We Will Go Out with Joy 539

C F/C C G7 C

Leader

1 We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.
 2 Now an - y - one who's born of the Spir-it, sing a new song of joy.
 3 We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.

C F/C C C/G G7 C

All *Fine*

We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.
 Now an - y - one who's born of the Spir-it, sing a new song of joy.
 We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.

Refrain F#sus2 C F G C

Al - le - lu - ia! We will go out with joy.

F#sus2 C E#sus2 Dm7 G#sus G

to Stanzas

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Drawing on the phrasing of Isaiah 55:12, this joyful sending hymn was created by a musical Canadian father and daughter, beginning with the tune that emerged from a four-hand piano improvisation. The completed hymn later served as the recessional music for her wedding.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God

POSTLUDE

Welcome to Mt. Tabor. We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us today! If you are a visitor, please fill out and return the attendance card in your pew rack so we may have a record of your attendance. Our ushers and greeters will be glad to answer any questions you may have about our worship service. We hope that you will experience the presence of the Risen Christ today!

Altar Flowers. Today's Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by the Ladies Aid Society.

Bulletin Covers. Today's Bulletin Covers are given to the glory of God by Barbara and Rus Stilwell in appreciation of all Mt. Tabor's musicians and choir members.

ALIVE! Musicians

Gale McLeod, Co-Director

Clark Ebener

Mary Katherine King

Irelou Moye, Co-Director

Lyndsey Ebener

Ricky Lusk

Beth Branham

Hannah Fogle

David Moye

Leah Conrad

Erin Hall

Ed Redmond

Brett Ebener

Vaughn Hall

Roxanne Rich

Worship Leaders

Rev. Wade T. Roof, III, Senior Pastor

Rev. Rus Stilwell, Pastor of Visitation

Mr. Kevin Davis, Director of Music

Worship Assistants

Lector

Whitney Glass

Greeter

Usher

Communion Assistant

Nancy Stone-Collum

FOR HOME SELF-STUDY & REFLECTION

READING

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

According to the world's standards of power and might, the message of the cross seems stupid and offensive. Yet this word reveals the paradoxical way God has chosen to work power and salvation through weakness, rejection, and suffering. Hence the message of the cross becomes true wisdom and power for believers.

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

²⁶Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

This Week at Mt. Tabor...

Sunday, January 29 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

8:00 am Matins Service Holy Communion
9:15 am ALIVE! Service
10:00 am Coffee/Fellowship/AR
10:15 am Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Service Holy Communion

Monday, January 30

9:30 am Quilting Ministry
5:30 pm Positively Fit/AR
7:00 pm Mt. Tabor Ringers

Tuesday, January 31

10:30 am Staff Meeting
5:30 pm Pipers Practice/AR
6:30 pm NA Mtg/ECR
6:30 pm ALIVE! Rehearsal

Wednesday, February 1

9:00 am E-News deadline
10:00 am Bulletin deadline
10:30 am Sunshine Club
11:00 am Bible Study
12:00 pm Noon Eucharist
3:30 pm Sing & Celebrate
4:45 pm Children's Choir
6:30 pm Adult Choir

Thursday, February 2

5:30 pm Positively Fit/AR

Saturday, February 4

9:00 am –12:00 pm Council Retreat/AR
10:00 am –2:00 pm ECR Reserved

Sunday, February 5 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

8:00 am Matins Service Holy Communion
9:15 am ALIVE! Service Holy Communion
10:00 am Coffee/Fellowship/AR
10:15 am Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Service Holy Communion

Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]
Psalms 112:1-9 [10]
1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16]
Matthew 5:13-20

God's Helping Hands Needs

Oatmeal, Mac n' Cheese, Grits,
Jelly, Fruit Juice, Cookies, Rice, and Beans

Love Offering

Scooter Scott Project

MOBILE GIVING



Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church now offers a mobile version of our online giving page to make it easy for you to give anytime from your smart phone. Simply scan the above image using your phone's QR code reader. If you do not have a QR code reader app, here is how to get one and make your mobile donation:

- Go to iTunes store or Google Play store.
- Download a free QR code reader app.
- Use the app to scan the above QR code.
- Follow the steps to make your donation.



Don't forget about our **Blessing Box** by the Park. This box is to be filled with any blessing that someone else could use: food, blankets, water, etc... anything that could communicate God's love to God's people. Please bring something to add to our box & may God bless you for it! Please do not donate opened food items or things that will melt.

**I don't like Valentines
said Gnomebody Ever!**

Grab your scissors, paper and glue.

And let our at home members know how much they mean to you!

Collecting will end on February 8th

There's Gnomebody like you

Bags located across from the choir room

TO MY Valentine

TO MY Valentine

LOVE

HUGS PROGRAM 2022 (We DID Something!)

January :	5 6393	carryover from 2021 (\$7500 gift in Dec)	
	3535	contributed by congregation and friends in 2022	
	9928		
Spent*	9,164*		
	764	Balance	
	10,000	Donation from Anonymous Business	
December:	10,764	Entering 2023	
			9164.71*

*Candyman Homeless Ministry: 240 sleeping bags, 144 hoodies 5,389
 *Christ Central Transitional Retreat: 53 hoodies, 60 stocking caps, 60 gloves, 60 thermal blankets, 325 boxers, 325 T-shirts 2,993
 *Washington Street LHM Soup Cellar: 180 hats, 180 Gloves, 180 socks 782

In 2022 the Mt Tabor HUGS program provided 240 sleeping bags, 197 hoodies, 1,180 socks, 240 gloves, 240 hats, 325 t-shirts and boxers and 60 blankets!!
 HANE'S provided (at no cost) 1,000 socks and some hoodies and underwear. Bombas has promised socks for 2023. We are committed to provide needs for Mental Illness Recovery Center and Transitions Homeless Center in Columbia early in 2023. We thank you for your benevolence to The Least of These our brothers and sisters and GOD for his guidance and blessing. Mt Tabor Early Rising Men. Meeting 2nd and 4th Tues. AM's at Lizards Thicket Oak Grove 7AM
 Don Simmons HUGS coordinator



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Please join us in giving Blood February 12, 2023

10:00 AM -3:00 PM


Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church

Assembly Room.




THE 2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES HAVE ARRIVED!


You may pick up your 2023 Offering Envelopes located on a table in the hallway across from the choir room. If you don't see your box, let Stella McGee know and she will issue you a box.

TACKLE

HUNGER

Sunday, February 12

Bigger than the Bowl 

Please join the youth in raising funds to help those who have food insecurities.

Look for the soup pots before and after each service.


IF YOU WILL NOT BE AT CHURCH ON THE 12TH, YOU CAN STILL CONTRIBUTE! PLACE YOUR DONATION IN THE OFFERING PLATE OR DROP IT BY THE OFFICE - NOTE THAT IT IS FOR SOUPER BOWL.

YEARBOOK & DIRECTORY

All reports and personal information for the 2023 Yearbook and Directory are due by **February 5th**

Be sure to update the church office with any name, address, phone number or email changes.

Also, we need updated information on our college students.

Lord Teach Us To Pray:

As God's people called to love one another, let us pray for the following members of our church family, who celebrate the anniversary of their baptism this week: Toby Wiggers, Annette Monts, Don Cole, Lauren Matthews, Beth Branham, Natalee Stover.

Most Recent Prayer Concerns:

Judy Jordan, Diane Wise, Linda Price, D. J. Rybicki, Edna Holton, Pete Davis, Mary Davis, John Conrad, Paul Addy.

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Janet Smith, Paul Jacobs, Jeanie Jacobs, Barbara Bradshaw, Sharon Mattern, Jackie Macaulay, David Mellichamp, Mary Hamson, Sandra Baker, Betty Wise, Elmer Sundlie, Herman Bouknight, Pastor Jerry & Janice Livingston, Jennifer Brazell, Ann Callison, Bill Hunnicutt.

Family & Loved Ones of Mt. Tabor:

Patricia Hyler, Linda Shull, David Baldwin, Family of Jeff and Regene Kenyon, Chuck Backman, Nancy Peters, Johnny Moore, William Sox, Brinlee Erwin, Molly Gilbert, Bob & Shirley Spruill, Henry Gainey, Stacy Carns, Jordan Mellichamp, Charles Hite, Tyler Carter, Rev. Dr. Paul Harmon, Steve Collum, John Bundrick.

Members of Mt. Tabor Serving in the Military:

Adam Davis, Andrew Hamson, Samuel Davis, Scott Hash.

Family and Loved Ones Serving in the Military:

Eli McCracken, Marcus Hayes, Tristan Mullen, Cory Fabian, Hayden Henneman, Edwin Taylor, Patrick Taylor, Edwin Torres, Josh Watson, Jacob Henry Burgan, Patrick Morris, Ben Barron, Barry Duncan, Michael Barfield, David Mathews.

The Family Of:

Hazel Price, Ronnie Hutto, James Self, Bonita Taylor.

Please help us keep our prayer list up to date by calling the church office with any names to be added or removed. Otherwise, names remaining on the prayer list for more than 2 months will be removed.