

HOLY COMMUNION - ELW Setting 6

PRELUDE *"For the Beauty of the Earth"* by Ruth Elaine Schram

COMMENTS ON THE DAY

LUTHERAN RESTORING CREATION

WELCOME Phoebe Morad

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Kwame Pitts

Come, worship the God of all Creation.

We gather to praise the Creator, the continuous source of all living things.

Come, worship our God who breathes life into being.

We praise the Creator who fashions the forests, whose trees clean the air of this world.

Come, worship our God who forms life out of soil.

We praise the Creator whose land brings nourishment.

Come, worship our God who receives our lament in the wilderness.

We praise the Creator whose Son brings healing to all Creation.

Come, worship our God who sends waters flowing with life.

We praise the Creator whose baptism unites us to be one in the Body of Christ with all Creation.

OPENING SONG Marty Haugen

Sing Out Earth and Skies

Come, O God of all the earth;

come to us, O Righteous One.

Come and bring our love to birth;

in the glory of your Son.

Chorus

**Sing out, earth and skies!
Sing of the God who loves you.
Raise your joyful cries,
Dance to the life around you.**

Come, O God of wind and flame;
fill the earth with righteousness.
Teach us all to sing your name;
may our lives your love confess. Chorus

Come, O God of flashing light;
twinkling star and burning sun.
God of day and God of night;
in your light we all are one. Chorus

Come, O God of snow and rain;
shower down upon the earth.
Come, O God of joy and pain;
God of sorrow, God of mirth. Chorus

Come, O Justice, come, O Peace;
come and shape our hearts anew.
Come and make oppression cease;
bring us all to life in you. Chorus

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Rev. Lamont Anthony Wells

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who so loves the world and all
who live in it. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God, Creation, and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Reconciling God,
we expect nature to serve our needs, and we have damaged it in the

process. We trample every wild place and pollute your waters. We abuse your good Earth until it cries out in pain. Forgive us, loving God. Remind us of the covenant you made with the whole Earth. Nourish us so we can restore your awe-inspiring Creation. Amen.

Christ, the one who was buried into the heart of the Earth and then raised up to new life, forgives you all your sin. Freed from your burdens, be led by the Spirit to do God's healing work in the world. Amen.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Rev. Dr. Leah Schade

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Rev. Dr. Carmelo Santos

FIRST READING Jonah 3:10-4:11

Rebekah Bruesehoff

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the Lord said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

PSALM --- Psalm 145:1-8

I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.
Every day I will bless you,
and praise your name forever and ever.
Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
his greatness is unsearchable.
One generation shall laud your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.
On the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.
The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed,
and I will declare your greatness.
They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness,
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.
The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

SECOND READING Philippians 1:21-30

Rev. Lenny Duncan

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rev. John Stevens

GOSPEL Matthew 20:1-16

Bishop Elizabeth Eaton

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Barbara Rossing

PEACE

Lutherans Restoring Creation Board

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OFFERING PRAYER

Rev. Sarah Locke

Loving Creator,

All Creation comes from you – forests, lands and prairies, wild places, rivers and streams. As we bring our offerings to you, we ask that you bless them so that your kingdom comes on Earth as it is in heaven; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Rev. Emmy Kegler

We believe in the debonaire God who clothes the wild flowers dressing them so superbly that they outdo Solomon in all his glory; who is the true Friend of all creatures great and small, who feeds magpies and laughing kookaburras, and even doleful ravens and drongos.

We believe in the God of Christ Jesus the Source of abundance, full of grace and truth.

We believe in the extravagant God who turns the other cheek, goes the second mile, turns water into the best wine, brings healing with his every touch, and who welcomes a woman's of love as she fills the house with unforgettable fragrance.

We believe in the faith-full God of Jesus Christ, who sweated blood in an Olive Grove, and kept the faith to the very end.

We believe in the redeeming God who spared no cost, forgave even his brutal crucifiers, had time for a dying thief at his side, and who on the third day did a

thing so prodigious that even his friends were dismayed with joy.

We believe in the God of Jesus Christ, the Source of abundance wherever we turn and no matter what we do.

Amen.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Savanna Sullivan
Rev. Nicolette Peñaranda

Elle Dowd
Rev. Jesse Canniff-Kuhn

O God, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen: Your great love has placed us in your creation, and you commanded us to care for it. Your works declare glory and strength, and you call us to praise and reverence. Where we have degraded or destroyed earth's bounty, forgive us. Where we have taken beauty and majesty for granted, have mercy upon us. Where we have become estranged from the creatures with whom we share this planet, grant us your peace.

Creator God, hear our prayer.

As we reflect upon our relationship with your creation, we know that there are many things that thwart our efforts and our responsibilities to all that you have made. For the openness to learn about environmental issues and concerns, and the courage to advocate for a protect all that has been entrusted to us, we pray:

Creator God, hear our prayer.

In such a great and complex world, we often feel so small and helpless, as if what we do has no impact on the rest of your creation. Yet we know that because we are created in your image, we are connected with the entirety of creation, just as you are. For an awareness of how our own lifestyles can be modified to help protect the environment, we pray:

Creator God, hear our prayer.

In an environmental catastrophe, the people who suffer first and greatest are often the poorest of the poor. Yet we rarely hear their voices, silenced as they are by the realities of global life. For those who live in poverty and suffer the devastating effects of flooding, drought, and other environmental issues, we pray:

Creator God, hear our prayer.

In recent days, even the ground under our feet has begun to tremble, reminding us that we live together in a fragile community of life. For our own community, our city and state, and for those who suffer from sickness and death, we pray:

Creator God, hear our prayer.

God of the sun and the moon of the mountains, deserts and plains; God of the mighty oceans, of rivers, lakes and streams; God of all creatures that live in the seas and fly in the air; Of every living thing that grows and moves on this sacred Earth. Help us to love and respect all that you have made. Help us to care for what you have made good and holy. Give us the wisdom and the passion to change our minds and hearts and our ways. Let us be the change we pray for, Bringing about ecological conversion which grows and spreads to every corner of the Earth For our sake now and for every generation which is to come.

Amen.

THE PRAYERS CONTINUE ...

P: We pray

C: Creator God, hear our prayer.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God, for you provide for the needs of your people with a generosity beyond our comprehension.

In the first of your mighty wonders you created the earth and filled it with good things.

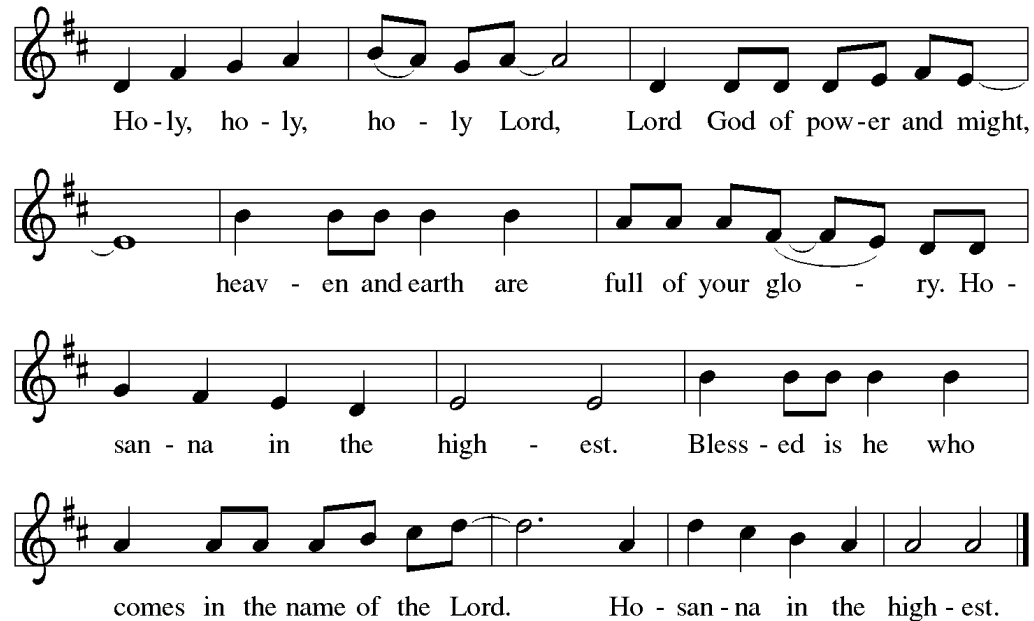
When you led your people out of slavery, you heard their cries in the desert and gave them food from heaven so that they might eat and give thanks to you.

So too, you feed us through your child, Jesus, the bread of heaven, who came to nourish us and strengthen us in the faith.

Though he was killed, you raised him to life,
and now he gives himself with scandalous extravagance
to all who respond to his call,
the early comers and late comers alike.
So now for us, through your gracious gift of faith,
to live is Christ and to die is gain.

And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn :

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

AN EARTH EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

O God triune, how majestic is your name in all the earth.
Over the eons your merciful might evolved our home, a fragile tree of life.
Here by your wisdom are both life and death, growth and decay,

the nest and the hunt, sunshine and storm.
Sustained by these wonders, we creatures of dust join in the ancient song:
The earth is full of your glory:
The earth is full of your glory.

O God triune, you took on our flesh in Jesus our healer.
In Christ you bring life from death;
we remember his cross, we laud his resurrection.
Broken like bread, he enlivens our body.
Outpoured like wine, he fills the earth with goodness.
Receiving this mystery, we mortals sing our song:
The earth is full of your glory:
The earth is full of your glory.

We praise you for the heart of Jesus,
so filled with your love for this earth.

On the night before he died, he took bread, and gave thanks,
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Gathered around this table, we your children unite in this song:
The earth is full of your glory:
The earth is full of your glory.

O God triune, you create the worlds, you uphold the living, you embrace the
dead.
Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.
Strengthen us for our journey with this meal, the body and blood of Christ.
Give us a future that trusts in you and cares for your earth.
Empowered by your promises, we rise from our deaths to praise you again:

The earth is full of your glory:
The earth is full of your glory.

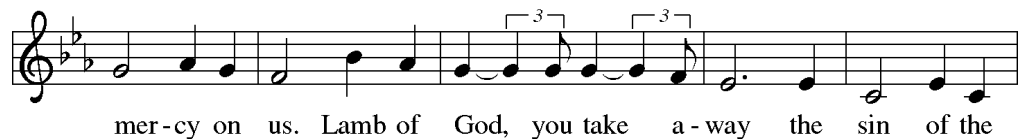
Amen, and amen.
Amen, and amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

C 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

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -



way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN "God of the Sparrow"

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- 1 God of the spar - row God of the whale God of the swirl - ing
- 2 God of the earth - quake God of the storm God of the trum - pet
- 3 God of the rain - bow God of the cross God of the emp - ty
- 4 God of the hun - gry God of the sick God of the prod - i -



stars How does the crea - ture say Awe
 blast How does the crea - ture cry Woe
 grave How does the crea - ture say Grace
 gal How does the crea - ture say Care



How does the crea - ture say Praise
 How does the crea - ture cry Save
 How does the crea - ture say Thanks
 How does the crea - ture say Life

5 God of the neighbor
God of the foe
God of the pruning hook
How does the creature say Love
How does the creature say Peace

6 God of the ages
God near at hand
God of the loving heart
How do your children say Joy
How do your children say Home

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P Now may the power of Christ's body and blood reach deep into your heart, your mind, and your body to heal your wounds.

C **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: We give you thanks, gracious God, that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare, the body and blood of Christ. Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven, into your beloved vineyard to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst, guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen**

SENDING: *"Canticle of the Turning"*

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1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .
3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.
liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the
This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak-ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a-bout to turn.

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Music: STAR OF COUNTY DOWN, Irish traditional
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BLESSING

P: Mothering God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.

C: Amen.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" by Michael Burkhardt

Saint Mark's Reconciling in Christ Statement:

At Saint Mark Lutheran Church, we celebrate that Christ has made us one body with many members, all sharing in God's grace and unconditional love. As a Reconciling in Christ congregation, we embrace all of God's people, regardless of age, ethnicity, physical and mental abilities, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity or economic circumstance. We believe we are all unique and worthy individuals created by God. We joyfully welcome you to join us in worship, prayer, study, service, and fellowship.



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Welcome to Saint Mark. All are welcomed to receive Holy Communion.

Today we especially pray for: Ken Palen, Jennifer Harper, Ella Evers, Don & Susan Masson, Pastor Craig Johnson, Pat Tschesche, Ro Kvarsten, Dana, Charlene Amaral-Lansi, Mason Good, Linda Mattoon, Beverly Miller, Sunny, Vic DeVoursney, Ruth Gartner, Rolf Junge, Tim Harris, Harry Flesher, Maureen O'Brien, Bud & Jeanne Bridges, and Peyton Higgins. **And Family Members in the Military:** Logan & Jared Pries, and Nelson Westby.

If you know of someone that needs to be added to the prayer list, please contact the church office or Pastor Charles.

A major portion of today's service is from Lutherans Restoring Creation (LRC). LRC is a grassroots movement promoting care for creation in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. They accomplish this by cultivating a community of dedicated stewards of earth and neighbor who proclaim God's promise of hope and healing for all. Today's offering will go to Lutherans Restoring Creation.

We are Zooming Weekly Activities:

- Wednesdays** **12:00 noon Mindful Meditative Movement**
(contact Tonja Snyder for an zoom invitation)
- 1:15 p.m. Bible Study**
Pastor Charles leads this group on Sunday's Lessons
(contact Pastor Charles for a zoom invitation)
- Thursdays** **6:00 pm Men's Bible Study**
(contact Mike Conley for a zoom invitation)

All groups are open to those who wish to participate. Committee meetings continue also to Zoom.

ELCA DISASTER RESPONSE - Oregon, Washington & California Wildfires:

Lutheran Disaster Response is expecting immediate needs to include food and other life necessities, as well as emotional and spiritual care for those who have been traumatized by the wildfires. Long-term recovery assistance may include rebuilding and repairing homes. You can support "Wildfire" by sending a check to Saint Mark marked "Wildfires" by sending the contribution to Saint Mark it will appear on your Contribution Statement. We will then make sure that the ELCA Disaster Response receives your contribution. Thank you.

Faith Build Covenant - This year the Council approved a \$750 Covenant between Habitat for Humanity and Saint Mark. We are seeking your participation in that Covenant to help meet and/or exceed our commitment of \$750 towards new homes! We cannot be together in the sanctuary so "envelopes" are not available for this year but checks noted "Faith Build" made out to Saint Mark will be gladly accepted! Please make out checks to Saint Mark.

The Center for Hope & Safety is seeking the following items: new cell phones with paid minutes, old cell phones, gift cards for basic needs and gas cards. A basket is available in the church office should you like to bring your contribution to the church.

Broadway Coffee shop in Partnership with Oregon Black Pioneers presents: **Black in Oregon Historical Art Exhibit** at the Broadway Coffee shop at 1300 Broadway St. NE from August 1 to October 31, 2020. The historical display is excerpted from "Black in Oregon 1840 to 1870" developed originally developed by the State of Oregon Archives in collaboration with the Oregon Black Pioneers. The exhibit includes art work by local and national artists to educate, advocate and move our community towards racial reconciliation. The artists featured have donated their work to help fund non-profits that are fighting for change and providing support for racial inclusion and diversity locally and nationally.

Thank you to everyone that has consistently kept their pledge and offerings coming in to the church office so that our bills can be paid. We appreciate your faithfulness during this very trying time.

Let us especially remember in our prayers during this time, our world and all those affected by this pandemic of the Corona virus. Take time for yourselves and for those who might be separated or isolated. It is a time to make that extra point in making a text, an email or call on the cell/telephone and reach out verbally (not physically) to make sure our neighbor is okay.

Thank you to those whose efforts made this worship service possible, especially:

Phoebe Morad, Executive Director of Lutherans Restoring Creation

The Reverend Kwame Pitts, Pastor of Crossroads Lutheran Church & Campus Ministries in Buffalo, NY

Marty Haugen, American composer of liturgical music

The Reverend Lamont Anthony Wells, Program Director for Campus Ministry in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (LuMin)

The Reverend Doctor Carmelo Santos, Director of ELCA Theological Diversity and Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Engagement

The Reverend Doctor Lead Schade, Assistant Professor of Preaching and Worship at Lexington Theological Seminary

The Reverend Doctor Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

The Reverend Doctor Barbara Rossing, Professor of New Testament at Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago

Rebekah Bruesehoff, ELCA youth in New Jersey, advocate for LGBTQIA+ youth

The Reverend Lenny Duncan, Pastor of the Jubilee Collective in Vancouver, WA

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Week of _____

GRATITUDE!

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you?

To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Micah 6:8 NIV

Daily Blessings/Reflections

❖ **Today I am grateful for...**

❖ **Today I ask God...**

Sunday:

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday:

Saturday: