

St. John's:
Making and Maturing
Disciples of Jesus Christ

What does the **LORD**
require of you?

וַיִּקַּח יְהוָה לִדְוָשׁ מִצִּדְקָה כִּי

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Do justice

אִם-עֲשִׂיתָ מִשְׁפָּט

Love kindness

וְאַהֲבַת הַסֵּד

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Walk humbly

וְהִצַּנַּע לְכַת

with your **God.**

עִם-אֱלֹהֶיךָ

Micah 6:8

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“Making and Maturing Disciples of Jesus Christ”

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 14, 2021

Welcome

*Praise

*Call to Worship

L: Leader C: Congregation

a retelling of Micah 6:6-8

L: With what shall we come before our God?

C: How shall we approach the Almighty?

L: Should we write large checks?

C: Should we empty our wallets?

L: Should we promise to fast and pray every day?

C: Should we sign up for more committees?

Would that make God happy?

L: How shall we approach the Almighty?

C: With what shall we come before our God?

L: With humble hearts.

C: Hearts bent toward justice.

L: Hearts open in loving-kindness.

C: Hearts earnestly seeking God.

Let Us Pray Unto the Lord:

The Pastoral Prayer

Missing Child: Kiera Bittinger – Wellsville, OH

Mission of the Month: Angels for the Elderly

The Lord's Prayer (*Debts/Debtors*)

(children please remain in your seats)

Giving of Tithes and Offerings:

Offering Prayer

Offerings can be placed in the baskets in back of sanctuary

Scripture

Micah 6:6-8

James 2:1-13

Sermon

What Does the Lord Require?

***Praise**

***Benediction**

*— Those who are able, please stand



Welcome to St. John's Church!

Scripture Readings (ESV):

Micah 6:6-8:

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 man, 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?

James 2:1-13:

¹My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. ²For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, ³and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, “You sit here in a good place,” while you say to the poor man, “You stand over there,” or, “Sit down at my feet,” ⁴have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which He has promised to those who love Him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? ⁷Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

⁸If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well. ⁹But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it. ¹¹For He who said, “Do not commit adultery,” also said, “Do not murder.” If you do not commit

adultery but do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹² So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty. ¹³ For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.



Resurrection Scavenger Hunt: March 20 from 9-11 am (pick up). You and your children will pick up an instruction packet along with a breakfast sandwich & goodie bag. Your family will follow the clues that will lead you to eight places that have to do with the story of Easter. At each location, you will take a family selfie. All you need will be the instructions provided and a Bible or Bible app on your phone to read a scripture verse at each spot. You will have until Saturday, March 27 to email your photos to the church or post with #StJohnsKenton. All families who complete the hunt and share their photos will be entered into a drawing that will take place on Sunday, March 28 at 10 am at the beginning of the worship service. All are welcome to attend, but you do not need to be present to win. Service is also available online.

Sermon Notes

14 March 2021

Scripture: **Micah 6:6-8; James 2:1-13**

Sermon: **What Does the Lord Require?**

1. As the people lament in **Micah**, does your faith seem like more of a burden (a list of items to do) or is it more life giving as it guides you through life (**Micah 6:8**)? Why?
2. How do you overcome the temptation to show partiality (**James 2:1-4**)? How does the Royal Law keep you focused (**James 2:8-9**)? How does being merciful help you to overcome judgment (**James 2:13**)?
3. How does following Jesus help you to fulfill **Micah 6:8**? Is there another verse or set of verses that help to summarize the Gospel for you? How does the Holy Spirit use that portion of the Word to feed your soul and motivate you to live out that Gospel?
4. To whom is God calling you to: 1. act justly and 2. demonstrate that you love mercy/kindness? How does this community see you walking humbly with God? If you accomplished those three things, how would that impact those around you? What will you do to live out those commitments this week where God sends you?

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Missing Child: our prayers today go out to Kiera Bittinger missing since February 28, 2021 from Wellsville, OH.

Mission of the Month: Angels for the Elderly

Virtual Combined Worship Service w/ Payne Chapel for Black History Month: March 21 at 3 pm. Watch for more details

Maundy Thursday Service: April 1 at 7:00 pm

Good Friday Service: April 2 at 7:00 pm

Easter Festival Service: April 4 at 10 am

Graduation Sunday: May 16 – we will honor our graduates.

VBS - Concrete & Crates: June 7-10 (mark your calendars)

Community Men's Bible Study Saturday mornings at 7:30 am at Our Place Family Restaurant (formerly Basil's).

Women's Bible Study: Sunday mornings at 9:00 am in the fellowship hall.

Care Team: We have a group of people that make calls to members to try to keep in touch with each other and to just check in. If you would like to participate in any way, please let the church office know or contact Carol

Wilcox. If you are not receiving a call and would like one periodically or know of someone who would, please let us know.

Some of Us People (SOUP): Are you retired and have some free time? When they restart, they need volunteers at Some of Us People Soup Kitchen. It is only a few hours a day the last full week of the month. They also need Board Members. You do not have to work at Soup Kitchen to be on the Board. They meet on Thursday every other month. If interested or need additional information, please call Mary Rahl at 419-673-9586 or Dorothy Hogue at 419-674-3654.

Bulletin Announcements: due by Friday at 9:00 AM.



Week at a Glance

Today, 3/14:	9:00 AM Sunday School (PK- Grade 12) 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study – FH 10:00 AM Service
Monday, 3/15:	5:00 PM Cub Scouts - Chapel 6-8 PM CEF Meeting - library
Tuesday, 3/16:	11:30 AM AA – Chapel 12:00 PM Prayer 6:30 PM Celebrate Recovery – Chapel
Wednesday, 3/17:	5:00 PM Children's Choir 5:30-7 PM Disciple Me 6:15-7:45 PM Youth Group
Thursday, 3/18:	11:30 AM AA – Chapel
Friday, 3/19:	11:30 AM Friday w/ Friends - Ralphies
Saturday, 3/20:	7:30 AM Men's Bible Study- Our Place 9-11 AM Resurrection Scavenger Hunt- pick up

WORSHIP LEADERS:

Senior Minister: Rev. Dr. Randall J. Forester

Chancel Choir Director: David Beazley

Children's Choir Director: Hope Cauley

Bell Choir Director: Jane Baker

Organist/Pianists: Randall S. Rogers, Teresa Broseke, Linda Zeigler

Week at a Glance:

Attendance (3/7): 77

Envelopes: \$4800

Loose Ones: \$

Mission: Angels for the Elderly: \$310

Ushers:

3/14: Donovan & Kristi Weaver

3/21: Jim Bidwell & Nancy Rickenbacher (Rae Maurer – liturgist)