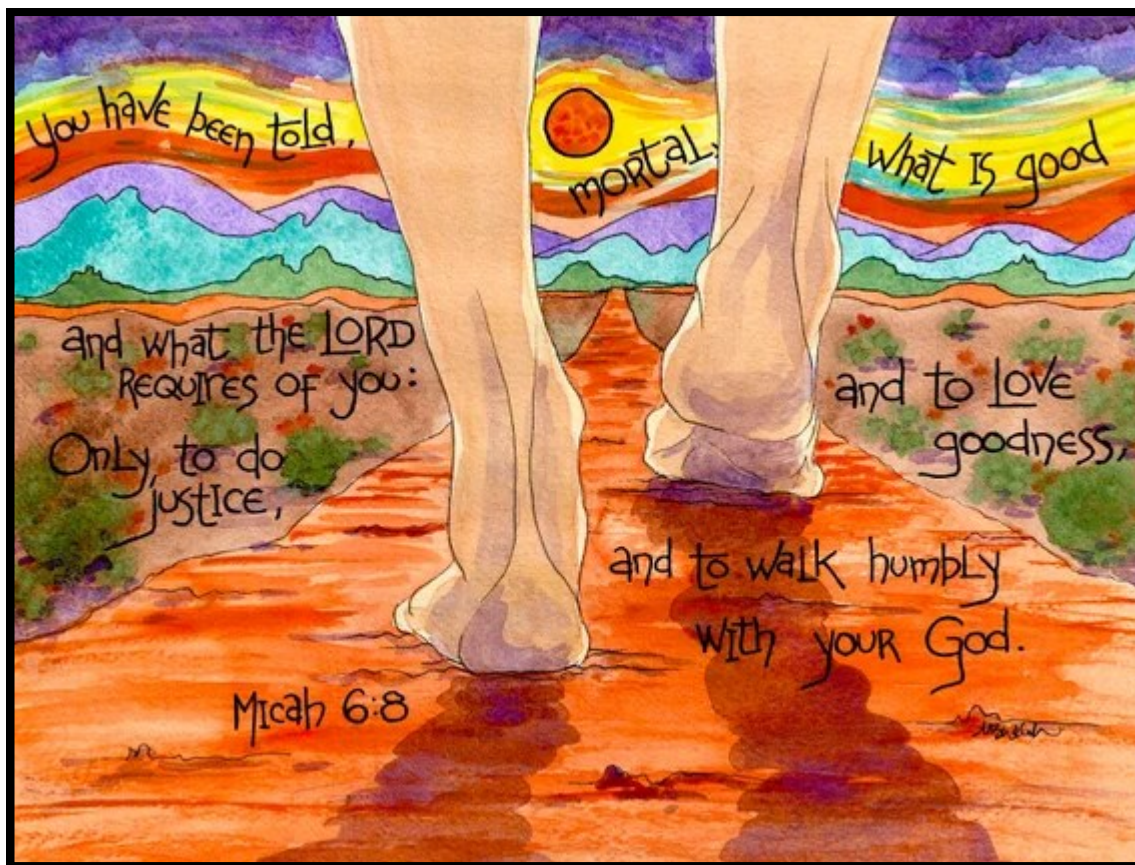




Carrollton Presbyterian Church

A Heart In The City

A SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2023
11:00 AM



Art by Monica Welch of DoveTailInk

PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD

We welcome you to Carrollton Presbyterian Church. Let the Musical Meditation be a call to reverent silence in which all may become aware of God's presence.

CENTERING MOMENT

You give your kingdom to the lowly and pure in heart. Give us a hunger and thirst for justice and a perseverance in striving for peace.

MUSICAL MEDITATIONS

Draw Me Nearer

Fanny Crosby
& Howard Doane

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

OPENING SENTENCES

Mike Handyside

What does the Holy One require of us?
To be just, kind and humble before God

PRELUDE

Were You There On Christmas Night?

Natalie Sleeth

*CALL TO WORSHIP - from Psalm 15

Mike Handyside

Oh Lord, who is invited into your home?
The one who lives with integrity, does what is right, and speaks honestly with truth from the heart.
Oh Lord, who is invited into your home?
The one who doesn't speak evil against others or wrong neighbors, or slander friends.
Oh Lord, who is invited into your home?
The one who honors those who honor the Lord; the one who keeps their promise even when it hurts; Whoever does these things will live together with the Lord.

*HYMN

Give Thanks For Those Whose Faith is Firm

GTG # 731

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes

In our busyness, we can lose sight of hard learned lessons. But when we are open and honest, God who is faithful and just welcomes us home.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes

Lord you have taught us:
"Blessed are the poor in spirit", but we have been rich in pride.
"Blessed are those who mourn", but we have not known much sorrow for our sin.
"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness", but we have little longing for Your true goodness.
"Blessed are the merciful", but we are harsh and impatient.
"Blessed are the peacemakers", but we have not sought reconciliation.
"Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness", but our lives do not challenge the world.
Lord, have mercy on us and forgive us all of our sins.
Renew us and lead us by your Holy Spirit, that we may seek first your kingdom and walk joyfully in the way of Your blessing.

*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be fed. Friends, hear the good news, in Jesus Christ you are forgiven! Alleluia! Amen!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes

Just as we have been forgiven in Christ, let us forgive and be at peace with one another.
The peace of our Lord be with you.
And also with you!
Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

*GLORIA PATRI

GTG # 581

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.
World without end!
A-men. A-men*

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN

(All children are invited to come forward for a conversation with Pastor Kate)

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Mike Handyside

READING FROM THE PROPHETS

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

Micah 6:1-8
Pew Bible OT Page # 866

Mike Handyside

ANTHEM

Offertory

John Ness Beck

GOSPEL READING

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

Matthew 5:1-2
Pew Bible NT Page # 4

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes

SERMON

Blessed Requirements

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN

What Does the Lord Require of You?

GTG # 70

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH- based on the Confession of Belhar

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes

It is through Christ's reconciling work that we are the church, united to God and to other believers.

As the church, we are the salt of the earth. We are the light of the world.

We are entrusted with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ.

As the church, we are witnesses by both word and deed.

We proclaim the new heaven and the new earth, in which righteousness dwells. As the church, we proclaim that God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered sin and death.

God conquers irreconciliation, hatred and bitterness.

As the church, God's life-giving Word and Spirit enable us to live in a new obedience,

God opens new possibilities of life for society and the world.

We declare ourselves ready to venture out on the road of obedience and reconciliation-servants of the God who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes

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. Amen.

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Mike Handyside

God has told us what is good; and what does the Lord require? To do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with our God. Let us give thanks to God with the gifts of our lives and our labors.

OFFERTORY

I Danced in the Morning

(You are invited to bring your offering to the plate on the Communion Table)

*THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

GTG # 606

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes

FOLLOWING GOD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN**

There's A Wideness in God's Mercy

GTG # 435

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes

***POSTLUDE**

The Power of Your Love
The livestream does not end until the conclusion of the Postlude.
Please refrain from talking until after the Postlude.

Geoff Bullock

* You are invited to stand, if able

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

<u>Interim Pastor:</u>	Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes
<u>Liturgist:</u>	Mike Handyside
<u>Music Director:</u>	Julie Lowry
<u>Organist:</u>	Bryant Hand
<u>Pianist:</u>	Leslie Goldsmith
<u>Musical Meditations:</u>	Don Rice
<u>Virtual Worship Technicians:</u>	Keith & Robin Ellison, Steven Gross, & Jane Taylor
<u>Head Usher:</u>	Jane McCandless

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Note on the Confession of Belhar

The Confession of Belhar was drafted by the Uniting Reformed Church of Southern Africa, the church that succeeded the Dutch Reformed Mission Church after apartheid in the 1980s. They have offered it to the global Reformed family as a gift, believing that the themes of unity, reconciliation, and justice issue a call from God to the whole church toward holy action, transformation, and life. The Special Committee on the Confession of Belhar recommended that the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) add Belhar as part of its Constitution because it believed the clarity of Belhar's witness to unity, reconciliation, and justice might help the PC(USA) speak and act with similar clarity at a time when it faces division, racism, and injustice. The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) approved the Confession of Belhar as part of the Book of Confessions at the 222nd General Assembly (2016).