

UMCOR Sunday Worship Resources

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)

Call to Worship

Leader: We give praise to our God who knew us before we had breath

People: We delight in the Lord who guides us still

Leader: God, help us to live as you would have us live

People: Give us obedient hearts

Leader: As we gather today to worship, we know injustice rains down on your people.

People: Disturb us, God, so that we may act justly

Leader: As we celebrate this day, we know so many who suffer needlessly

People: Use us, God, as your hands of mercy

Leader: As we move through our day, following our own agendas

People: Remind us, God, to walk humbly with you

Gathering Prayer

God, we know things are not right in the world. Children sleep with hunger pangs, families struggle to stay together in times of war and strife, droughts leave once lush fields cracked and dry. We know these things to be true, but they seem so far and remote. They seem beyond our reach. They seem too big for us to solve. So we do not seek justice for the widow or the orphan. We do not respond mercifully. As we gather to worship you this day, we realize that we cannot walk humbly without you. We cannot act justly or seek mercy without your grace. Help us, Lord, to move with mercy and speak with a voice that seeks justice.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen

Litany

Leader: When child is forced to fight in a war that is not his

People: Let us act justly, love mercy and walk humbly

Leader: When a family goes hungry because their crops failed

People: Let us act justly, love mercy and walk humbly

Leader: When mother buries her daughter because the medicines were too expensive

People: Let us act justly, love mercy and walk humbly

Leader: When kindness and mercy have shriveled to dust

People: Let us act justly, love mercy and walk humbly

Leader: When we forget God is with us through all our joys and trials

People: Let us act justly, love mercy and walk humbly

Leader: Let us remember what God requires of us

People: To act justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with our God

Suggested Hymns

Hymns can be found in The United Methodist Hymnal (UMH) or The Faith We Sing (TFWS).

Go Forth for God UMH#670

Jesus, We are Here TFWS #2273

What Does the Lord Require TFWS #214

Take My Life, and Let it Be UMH#399

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy UMH#121

Prayer of Dedication

Merciful God, we present these gifts as our act of worship. May our offering bring help and hope to hurting people. Use and multiply these gifts to bring justice where injustice reigns, to pour out mercy on those who need it most, and to be a tangible sign of your love for the world. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Benediction

Go forth knowing what God requires. Go into the world seeking opportunities to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with God.

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