

## KAIROS Sunday

### Call to Worship (Amos 5:21-24)

Left: I hate, I despise your festivals,  
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

Right: Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and  
grain offerings,

Left: I will not accept them;

Right: and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals

Left: I will not look upon.

Right: Take away from me the noise of your songs;

Left: I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

All: **But let justice roll down like waters,  
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.**

### Opening Prayer (Ted Hicks, KAIROS Group, St. Boniface MB)

One: God of all nations,  
God of all peoples.  
God of the vulnerable and dispossessed,  
God of many names  
Who unites all creation by the name of Love:

All: **We are here today to knock on the door  
on behalf of those out in the cold.**

One: We will keep knocking until the door is open;  
Until ours is a nation where compassion and justice are wed;  
Where compassion and justice are real;  
Where compassion and justice are normative;

Where compassion is tender and justice is strong;  
Where compassion is strong and justice is tender.

All: **Make this time this morning worth our time;  
Make this time significant for those on whose behalf we  
advocate.  
Make this time kairos time.**

**In your own holy name we pray:  
Amen.**

### Hymn

### Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance

(Drawn from Hebrews 10:22)

One: Let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith,  
with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our  
bodies washed with pure water.

Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering,  
for the one who has promised is faithful.

And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good  
deeds.

Let us create right relationship among each other, among all  
people, and the earth, confessing those times when we act unjustly,  
and relying on God's grace to lead us into right relationship.

This is God's hope for the world.

### Sharing the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

## Children's Time

### Hymn

### Readings

### Reflection

### Prayers of the People

*(Pause for silence after each intercession. Specific requests may be added.)*

One: Gracious God,  
Your love for us empowers us to join our prayers with  
all who need your help.  
We bring our prayers to you:

For the earth you have created: its water, trees and  
animals, all affected by humanity  
And each of us whose daily choices lead to preservation  
or degradation

For those who struggle to survive in poverty, in our  
country and around the world  
And those who wield the power to right the balance and  
share their wealth

For those whose rights to life and land and livelihood  
are threatened by prejudice and war  
And those who insist that mockery, theft, and violence  
are the only way

For those whose daily efforts are to change the systems  
of injustice  
And those in leadership around the world.

**All: Bountiful and merciful God,  
Accept the prayers of your people,  
And strengthen us to do your will,  
Through Jesus Christ. AMEN**

### Hymn

### Offering

One: Loving and generous God,

All we have is a gift from you.  
That some have much  
and others have so little  
is an injustice you call us to mend.  
We give you these gifts  
as a token of our thankfulness  
And an act of solidarity  
with your people the world over.

Bless our gifts and our giving  
in time and money,  
in word and deed,  
to the furthering of your justice  
in our world, O God.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

### Hymn

**Closing Prayer** (Keri Wehlander, *Joy Is Our Banquet.*)

One: Like waves shaping the beach:

**All: Persistence brings forth transformation.**

One: Like seeds germinating in the soil:

**All: Persistence brings forth transformation.**

One: Like a potter with a lump of clay:

**All: Persistence brings forth transformation.**

One: Like a child learning the alphabet:

**All: Persistence brings forth transformation.**

One: Like an ant, carrying a grain of sand:

**All: Persistence brings forth transformation.**

One: Like a bird with the first twig for a nest:

**All: Persistence brings forth transformation.**

One: Like the rhythm of the seasons:

**All: Persistence brings forth transformation.**

One: Like the turning of this earth, our home:

**All: Persistence brings forth transformation.**

**Blessing** (Keri Wehlander, *Joy Is Our Banquet.*)

**All: May our hands be strengthened by the work to come,  
May our hearts become fiercely patient,  
May our eyes see the promise of justice,  
May our ears hear the invitation of rest and renewal,  
May our feet dance in the light of God.  
Amen.**