



Faith - Family - Fellowship

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**Contemporary Worship Service**  
September 21, 2025

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## **Prayer of Transformation**

**Leader:** Please join me in today's Prayer of Transformation.

O Lord, You have shown us what is good: to act justly, love mercifully, and walk humbly with You. You have called us to love—not in word alone, but in truth and action.

**People:** Transform our hearts, O God. Teach us to love as You have loved us.

**Leader:** You plead with Your people, reminding us of Your faithfulness— Deliverance from bondage, guidance through wilderness, mercy in every moment.

**People:** We remember Your goodness, Lord. Forgive us when we forget Your grace.

**Leader:** We ask, "What shall we bring before You?" But You do not desire empty offerings or hollow rituals.

**People:** You desire justice in our dealings, mercy in our relationships, And humility in our walk with You.

**Leader:** Your command is clear: Love one another, lay down our lives, and keep Your Word.

**People:** May our love be bold, our faith sincere, And our obedience rooted in trust.

**Leader:** Even when our hearts condemn us, You are greater than our hearts. You know all things and invite us into assurance.

**People:** Give us confidence before You, that we may pray, serve, and live in Your Spirit.

**Leader:** Let us not grow weary in doing good. Let us abide in Christ and reflect His love.

**People:** Shape us into a people of compassion and conviction, A community marked by justice, mercy, and humble love.

**All Together:** Lord, transform us by Your Word and Spirit. Make us vessels of Your love and agents of Your peace. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## **Words of Wisdom - Micah 6:1-8 2:1-11**

God desires ethical living over empty ritual, compassion over performance, and humble relationship over religious showmanship. Justice, mercy, and humility aren't just virtues—they're the essence of covenant life.

Allow these words from the book of Micah in the Amplified Bible, to open up your heart to fully understand that our true identity can only be found in a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Hear now what the Lord is saying, "Arise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills as witnesses hear your voice.

"Hear, O mountains, the indictment of the Lord, and your enduring foundations of the earth, for the Lord has a case against His people, and He will challenge Israel.

"O My people, what have I done to you since you have turned away from Me?

And how have I wearied you? Answer Me. "For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and ransomed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses to lead you, along with Aaron the high priest, and Miriam the prophetess.

"My people, remember now what Balak king of Moab devised with his evil plan against Israel and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him turning the curse into blessing for Israel. Remember what the Lord did for you from Shittim to Gilgal, so that you may know the righteous *and* saving acts displaying the power of the Lord."

With what shall I come before the Lord to honor Him and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, with yearling calves?

Will the Lord be delighted with thousands of rams, or with ten thousand rivers of oil?

Shall I present my firstborn for my acts of rebellion, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you except to be just, and to love and to diligently practice compassion, and to walk humbly with your God setting aside any overblown sense of importance or self-righteousness?

O Lord, you have given us the gift of your Word.

**People: May we ever protect and keep it pure. Amen.**

## **Word of God - 1 John 3:1-24**

The Word of God comes from 1 John, chapter 3, verses 1 through 24. Today's reading is taken from the New Living Translation.

Now hear the word of the Lord.

This is the message you have heard from the beginning: We should love one another. We must not be like Cain, who belonged to the evil one and killed his brother. And why did he kill him? Because Cain had been doing what was evil, and his brother had been doing what was righteous. So don't be surprised, dear brothers and sisters, if the world hates you.

If we love our brothers and sisters who are believers, it proves that we have passed from death to life. But a person who has no love is still dead. Anyone who hates another brother or sister<sup>[a]</sup> is really a murderer at heart. And you know that murderers don't have eternal life within them.

We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters. If someone has enough money to live well and sees a brother or sister in need but shows no compassion—how can God's love be in that person? Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions. Our actions will show that we belong to the truth, so we will be confident when we stand before God. Even if we feel guilty, God is greater than our feelings, and he knows everything.

Dear friends, if we don't feel guilty, we can come to God with bold confidence. And we will receive from him whatever we ask because we obey him and do the things that please him.

And this is his commandment: We must believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as he commanded us. Those who obey God's commandments remain in fellowship with him, and he with them. And we know he lives in us because the Spirit he gave us, lives in us.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**