

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

February 1, 2026



Who are the blessed ones of God? For Micah, they are those who do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. For Jesus, they are the poor, the meek, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, those who mourn, and those who hunger for righteousness. In baptism we find our blessed identity and calling in this countercultural way of living and serving.



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Welcome to Zion!

***“Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.”***
(Isaiah 60:1)

Welcome – whether this is your home congregation or your first visit, we’re glad you’re here!

We welcome all people in the name of Christ to experience God’s goodness and grace in Word, water, and meal. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, there is a place for you to belong at Zion.

Get Connected at Zion

The best ways to stay connected are to visit our website, follow us on social media (@zionchurchdfb on Facebook and Instagram), and subscribe to our weekly newsletter.

Children in Worship

Children are God’s gift to our church! They are not the future of our church; they are the right now. The way we welcome children here directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, and to one another.

We welcome children and their families to sit near the Prayground at the front of the sanctuary. There are coloring activities, puzzles, books, and a toolbox to engage in our worship together.

Giving

We appreciate your stewardship of treasure, talent, and time at Zion. You may leave your offerings in the offering plates or give online via our website or this QR code.



Livestreaming

Zion livestreams all our services on Facebook and YouTube. Any person present gives consent to being filmed or photographed.



Zion is a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) community, and extends God's radical welcome to all people, because we're all created in God's image.

We Gather

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN

“Build a Longer Table”

ACS Hymn #1062

APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together...**Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

We Hear & Respond to God's Word

FIRST READING

Micah 6:1-8

...Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

Before the reading: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading: The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY**“Hinei Mah Tov”****PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & SHARING OF PEACE****The peace of the Lord be with you always! And also with you.****OFFERTORY HYMN & PRAYER****ELW Hymn #674****“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”**

Let us pray together...**God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

We Feast at the Lord’s Table**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. And also with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection

opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow-er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCARISTIC PRAYER

Holy are you, Eternal One. You sit above, through, and within the circle of the earth: setting light into being, casting the stars in the sky, founding the evolving earth, and all that dwell within it. Limitless is your power and great is your wisdom.

You look upon the lowly as your most cherished creatures. You visit upon the downtrodden with presence, grace, and the promise of eternal justice. You sent to us your own child, Jesus, who reached into unexpected places: calling women beyond the limits of their times, equipping men for nurturing love, welcoming children into your holy embrace.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With life's greatest feast before us, we excitedly proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Holy God, you transform all that is before you so that at the touch of your grace we are never the same. Holy God, you illumine, bringing light to all peoples: light to the nations, light into our hearts, light on your way.

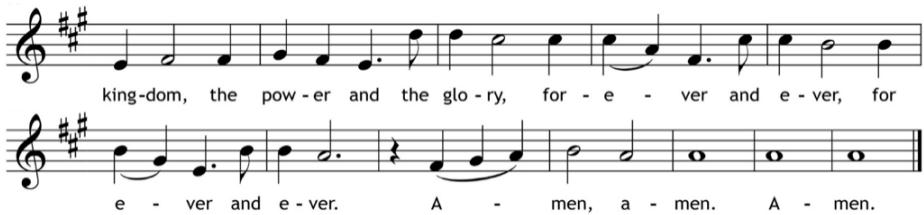
Holy God, we pray for your Spirit. Transform, illumine, bless. Make these ordinary gifts of bread and cup into the real presence of Christ with us. In so doing, hold us as your own. Renew us as your people for the sake of the world you love.

For all honor and glory are yours, O God, through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit in your glorious creation both now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - low - ed be your
name, hal - low - ed be your name. Your king - dom come, your
will be done, on earth as it is in hea - ven, on earth as it is in hea - ven.
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread and for - give us all our
sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us, as we for - give those who sin a -
gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al and de - li - ver us from
e - vil, de - liv - er us from - e - vil. For yours is the



SHARING THE MEAL

“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

ELW Hymn #484

“For Everyone Born, a Place at the Table”

We Are Sent into the World

BLESSING FOR STRENGTH

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ comfort, strengthen, and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together...Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BLESSING & SENDING HYMN

Amen, amen, amen. Amen, v'im'ru: amen. (Repeat)

Holy One of blessing, wrap us in perfect peace, guide our steps forward as we go on our way.

Bless us with compassion as we walk new paths ahead, bless us with strength for the journey, and we say: amen.

Amen, amen, amen. Amen, v'im'ru: amen. (Repeat)

May we be protected, may we feel held and free.

May we have patience and wisdom as we go on our way.

Bless us with the knowing that we are never alone, bless us with love for the journey, and we say: amen.

Amen, amen, amen. Amen, v'im'ru: amen. (Repeat)

DISMISSAL

The worship has ended. Now the service begins. Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy. Radiate God's light. **Thanks be to God!**

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Holy Communion at Zion

Christ's table is open to all! We offer grape juice for those who desire. If, for reasons of conscience or health, you are unable to receive either the bread or the wine, please know that the Church affirms the full presence of Christ in each element.

For Whom & For What Shall We Pray?

If you would like to submit a name(s) to include in our **Prayers of the People**, please use an index card from the Welcome Table and place it in the prayer basket at the altar **before the Hymn of the Day**.

Welcome Rabbi Greg Weisman

Rabbi Greg has been at Temple Beth El in Boca Raton since 2013. He is originally from Chicago's North Shore, attended Boston University, and was ordained by Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Los Angeles. He was a contributor to *Mishkan Ga'avah Where Pride Dwells: A Celebration of LGBTQ Jewish Life and Ritual*.

He also serves as the chair of the Jewish Community Relations Council of South Palm Beach County, co-convener of the Boca Raton Interfaith Clergy Association, and much more. Rabbi Greg is married to Tami Weisman, RJE, an assistant director of TBE's Religious School. They have three daughters: Claire, Daphne and Layla.

Welcome, Rabbi Greg! It's an honor to welcome you to Zion!



Today's Readings

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Prayer of the Day

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First Reading

Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the **Lord** says:
Rise, plead your case before the
mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.
2Hear, you mountains, the case of the
Lord,
and you enduring foundations of
the earth,
for the **Lord** has a case against his
people,
and he will contend with Israel.

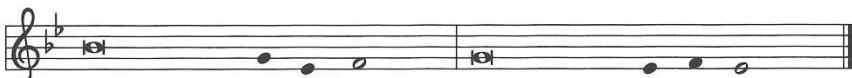
3“O my people, what have I done to you?
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!
4For I brought you up from the land
of Egypt
and redeemed you from the house
of slavery,
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

5O my people, remember now what
King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the
Lord.”

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 mortal, 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?

Psalm

Psalm 15; tone 7



LORD, who may dwell
in your ¹ tabernacle?
Who may abide upon your ¹ holy hill?
2Those who lead a blameless life
and do ¹ what is right,
who speak the truth
¹ from their heart;
3they do not slander with the tongue,
they do no evil ¹ to their friends;
they do not cast discredit
up-¹ on a neighbor.

4In their sight the wicked are rejected,
but they honor those
who ¹ fear the **Lord**.
They have sworn upon their health
and do not take ¹ back their word.
5They do not give their money
in hope of gain,
nor do they take bribes
a-¹ gainst the innocent.
Those who do these things
shall never be ¹ overthrown.

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.¹⁹ For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the
discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe.²² For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom,²³ but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles,²⁴ but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of

God and the wisdom of God.²⁵ For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

²⁶Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth.²⁷ But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong;²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to abolish things that are,²⁹ so that no one might boast in the presence of God.³⁰ In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption,³¹ in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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