Order of Worship
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Welcome and Congregational Updates

The Community Gatherers
Prelude
Come, Though Fount of Every Blessing
Diane Bish

Gathering Meditation

*The text in Micah calls for remembrance: God is the God who led the enslaved to deliverance. God is the One who champions the oppressed and moves through the despised people and creations of the world. If ever there is confusion about the desires of God, the texts offer reminder after reminder about what is central. Justice! Kindness! And moving with the rhythms of God for the sake of collective flourishing. Sometimes this looks like weeping. Sometimes it is listening for Wisdom among the "foolish." Sometimes it is condemning injustice or practicing integrity even in the midst of persecution. It takes on many different forms, but this is the Kindom drawing near among us.

*Responsive Call to Worship
Kathy Leslie
One:
With what shall we come before the Lord?
What shall we bring into the presence of our God, as an expression of our worship and praise?

Many:
Shall we bring her all that we own—our finest possessions, our life-savings, our investments and property?
Would God be satisfied if we brought everything we possess?

One:
No, that's not what God is looking for. God has told you what is good, and what he expects of you:

Many:
To do justice.
To love mercy.
To walk humbly before God.

*Opening Hymn
16
Come, Though Fount of Every Blessing
NETTLETON

*Please rise in either body or spirit.

*Unison Invocation
Congregation
Holy One, your Spirit moves in provocative ways. Though evil seeks false peace, you shake things up. You turn things upside down. You leave us surprised and inspired. When we are confronted by the radical nature of your love, do not let us push you away or remain unchanged. May we embrace discomfort with joy, that we might be friends of justice and companions to peace. Amen.

The Passing of the Peace

As a sign of reconciliation with God and others, you are invited to greet those around you by offering the peace of Christ.

Hymn
Take, O Take Me as I Am
TAKE ME AS I AM

The Community Proclaims God's Word

The First Reading
Micah 6:1-8
Roger Wedell
Anthem
MHCC Choir

The Second Reading
Rev. Kyle Walker

Sermon
Rev. Kyle Walker

The Community Responds

Prayers of the People
Rev. Kyle Walker

The Lord’s Prayer
Congregation

Our Creator in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kin-dom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us in the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For yours is the kin-dom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Call to Giving
Kathy Leslie

Offertory
Lani Smith

*Response
Greg Nunn, organist

Doxology
OLD HUNDREDTH

Prayer of Dedication
Kathy Leslie

The Community is Empowered at the Table

Invitation to the Table and the Community

*Hymn 423
GELDST SEI GOTT

During the hymn, those desiring to join as members are welcome to come forward and let one of our ministers know so that we might formally welcome them to our table and ministry here at Midway Hills.

Welcome to the Table
Rey. Kyle Walker

Gluten-free crackers are available for communion in the white cups.

Prayers at the Table
Mark Holmgren

Communion
Voluntary on "Von Himmel Hock" Gordon Young

Meditation
Greg Nunn, organist

The Community is Sent to Restore God’s World

*Closing Hymn 595
SLANE

*Charge and Benediction
Rey. Kyle Walker

Postlude
Dennis Elliott

Toccata in G
Greg Nunn, organist