

Seeking Justice Together
August 15- September 26

In Luke 4:14–30, Jesus reads the words of Isaiah as he boldly proclaims that he has been sent to preach good news to the poor, release to the captives, recovery of sight to the blind, and freedom for the oppressed. As followers of Jesus, we do this work as well. Often Christians talk about being Christ's hands and feet. There is truth in this statement, yet God's justice is not only our work in the world, but God's work in us. As we are transformed and become aligned with the heart of God in Christ, we are better able to reflect God's justice and peace through our lives to the world.



What does the Bible say about God's justice? In the Old Testament, justice (mishpat in Hebrew) is not just about fair punishment for wrongdoing; it's about restorative justice, which involves caring for the vulnerable and changing systems so that injustice does not happen in the first place. To fully understand biblical justice, it is also essential to consider righteousness. Tzadeqah, the Hebrew word for righteousness, refers to right relationships, where people are treated with dignity and respect because they bear the image of God. Justice and righteousness are sometimes used interchangeably in the Bible and are frequently used to describe the character of God. Taken together these concepts offer guidance for living faithfully in a broken world.

During this series we will be meeting outdoors in the north parking lot unless the weather makes that impossible. We'll be dismissing children to outdoor Sunday school before the homily. Look for an email each Saturday by 5 p.m. with the order of worship and location. (If you are not currently receiving weekly emails, please email the office at office@assemblymennonite.org to make sure you are on the mailing list). We will continue to offer worship on Zoom as well.

Date	Text	Theme	Homily	Extras
8/8	Zechariah 10: 6-12	Blessing and Dedicating and Returning	N/A	Memorial Garden dedication, No Sunday School Backpack blessing, Recognizing new roles, new MYFers blessing, school kits in parking lot.
8/15	Luke 4:14-30	Jesus Calls for Justice (The Spirit of the Lord is upon me)	Scott Coulter	Dedicating Winnie Yost Outdoor Sunday School Begins
8/22	James 1:27- 2:8, 14-17	Welcoming Everyone	Ben Sywulka	
8/29	Matthew 25:31-46	Caring for Those in Need	Robert Brenneman	
9/5	Acts 4: 32-37	Enough for all	Jason Kauffman	
9/12	Numbers 27: 1-11	Sisters demand Justice	Anna Yoder Schlabach	
9/19	2 Samuel 12:1-15	Nathan confronts a king	Mary Lehman Yoder	
9/26	Esther 2-9	Esther saves her people	Regina Shands Stoltzfus	
10/3	Luke 14:15-24	The Parable of the Great Banquet	Lora Nafziger	Parables Bible Study begins World Communion Sunday No Sunday School