

# MESSAGE NOTES

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6:8 | THE GOD OF JUSTICE AND MERCY

PSALM 146

## INTRODUCTION

**BIG IDEA:** When we humbly follow God, we will love our neighbor as we act (treat people) justly and love mercy (kindness)—reflecting God’s heart to the world He loves.

## OVERVIEW

### OUR VISION

By God’s grace we desire to be a Christ-centered church for all people, where the power of the gospel is continually transforming lives, renewing our city and changing the world.

*“He has shown you, O mortal, what is **good**. And what does the Lord **require** of you?  
**To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.**”*

– Micah 6:8

### OUR VALUES

#### WHAT WE ARE COMMITTED TO

- A Life of Worship | Worshiping God in All of Life (this is how we are to live)
- The Bible’s Authority | Centering Our Lives on God’s Truth
- The Richness of Community | Growing Together in Christ
- A Joyful Witness | Sharing and Living the Good News
- Compassionate Service | Humbly Extending Christ’s Compassion, Justice and Mercy
- Intentional Training | Preparing and Releasing God’s People for Ministry
- Persistent Prayer | Devoting Ourselves to Pray Continually (mark of our humility)
- Contagious Generosity | Excelling in the Grace of Giving (time, talents, money, justice and mercy too)

### GOD’S CHARACTER

1. Revealed in creation. (Romans 1:20)
2. Revealed in revelation. (Exodus 34:6–7a, Psalm 146:5–10)
  - a. “The Lord reigns forever,” and His reign is founded on justice and mercy! (Psalm 89:14)
  - b. **Righteousness and justice** are the foundation of your throne; **love** and faithfulness go before you. (Psalm 89:14)
3. Revealed perfectly in the person and work of Jesus. (Luke 4:18–19, Matthew 11:2–3, Luke 23:47, Romans 3:25–26)

## BRINGING IT HOME

### GENESIS 1:26-27

- We are created in His image—called to reflect His character, look like Him, called to rule and extend His rule here on earth as it is in Heaven and called to love like Him.
- Everyone we meet is created in God’s image, crowned with glory and honor—we need to see people as God does and treat them like Jesus.
- Those who follow Jesus love and obey God with all their heart, soul, mind and strength and that love shows up here on earth as we love our neighbor as ourselves.