

New Cumberland Church of the Nazarene

Order of Worship
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
28 August 2016

We Gather to Worship God
Prelude Music
Welcome
Call to Worship
Worship Reading

We Listen to the Scriptures
Pastoral Prayer
Offering
Scripture Readings from Micah
Sermon Series: Majoring in the Minors
Sermon Seven: Micah

We Come to the Table
Prayer of Consecration
The Lord’s Prayer
We Eat and Drink Together
Prayer of Thanksgiving

We Go to Live in the Reign of God
Community Life
Gossiping the Good Stuff
Doxology
Blessing and Sending

*If you are a guest with us today,
Please take time to fill out a Connection Card.
The ushers will be picking them up
later in the service.
Thank You*

Please visit us on our website, www.ncnazarene.org
for details of events.
Also you will find, photos, monthly newsletters,
bulletins, online giving and you can also
send prayer request to the prayer chain.

AUGUST CALENDAR

Aug 28 Youth Group & families to Bergers'	1:30PM
Aug 30 ME 25 Meeting	6:30PM
Aug 31 Teen activity: Back to School Cookout	6:45PM
Aug 31 Caravan Kick Off	7:00PM
Sept 3 First Saturday Pray Breakfast	8:30AM

Sermon Reflection Guide
For personal reflection and communal conversation
Sermon Series: *Majoring in the Minors*
Sermon Seven: *Micah*

Micah 6.1-8
Hear what the Lord says:
Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.
Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord,
and you enduring foundations of the earth;
for the Lord has a controversy with his people,
and he will contend with Israel.
“O my people, what have I done to you?
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!
For 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.
O 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.”
“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?
Will 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?”

He 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.

Question for Everyone
1 = Sleep Walking 10 = Fully Attentive

Jury Duty
Have you ever served on a jury? Talk about your experience. Talk about an experience of injustice or unfairness you have encountered. Who was the victim? What was the outcome?

God the Plaintiff, Israel the Accused
Micah begins chapter six with a court scene. God is the plaintiff in a case against God’s people. God summons creation to serve as the jury. Elizabeth Achtemeier sums up Micah’s indictment against God’s people: “Judah is shot through with oppression for the poor (2.1-3, 9), corrupt courts and judges (3.1-3,11) dishonest commercial practices (6.10-11), false prophecy (3.5-7), greedy priests (3.11), and abhorrence of God’s justice and commandments” (3.9-12). If you were on trial which one of these indictments might stick?

Micah’s Question
How can God use Israel as the medium of God’s blessing on all nations when Israel is so sinful? How can such a people be the instrument of God? Is it true that God uses broken vessels? What about Jonah? Is there a brokenness that makes one of no use to God?

Remembering as Spiritual Formation
How did you come to faith in Christ? Who was instrumental in leading you toward faith? Recollect a time when God brought about God’s healing or liberation. Tell the story.