

Lighthouse Worship

Compassion & Justice

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- **Opening Prayer**

Welcome! This is the day that the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Take a moment to center your heart on the Lord. Invite Him to speak to you today, and welcome his encouragement, challenge, and guidance.

- **Scripture Reading**

1 Chronicles 16:23-29 Sing to the LORD, all the earth; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the LORD made the heavens. Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and joy in his dwelling place. Ascribe to the LORD, O families of nations, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength, ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name. Bring an offering and come before him; worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.

- **Worship Through Song**

Death Was Arrested (North Point): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uMsMiluCUUI>

- **Scripture Reading**

Isaiah 61:1-3 The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion-- to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor.

- **Lighthouse Message – Compassion & Justice**

YouTube Channel: Alliance Bible Church, Anchorage

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYnhhwO3DYtDWIcIVtelFrg>

- **Discussion**

1. Themes of compassion and justice for the poor and oppressed are emphasized in Scripture. Why is it important for us to recognize this significance?
2. Sometimes we allow these matters to be colored more by politics or political platforms than Scripture. What causes some to do this? What problems result?
3. In Isaiah 58, Israel's heart condition is similar to the problem for many in our churches today. How do we keep from walking the paths Israel walked?
4. What was the kind of "fasting" the Lord desired? How are you doing in these areas of faith and ministry? In what ways do you sense God calling you to grow and change?

- **Prayer**

Pray for one another and other items the Lord brings to mind. Also pray for our nation as we walk into a challenging week.

- **Worship Through Song**

Hosanna (Hillsong): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GQWI26M-a0Y>

- **Benediction**

May the Lord break our hearts for what breaks His and may that lead to Spirit-led impact for the Kingdom of God.

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