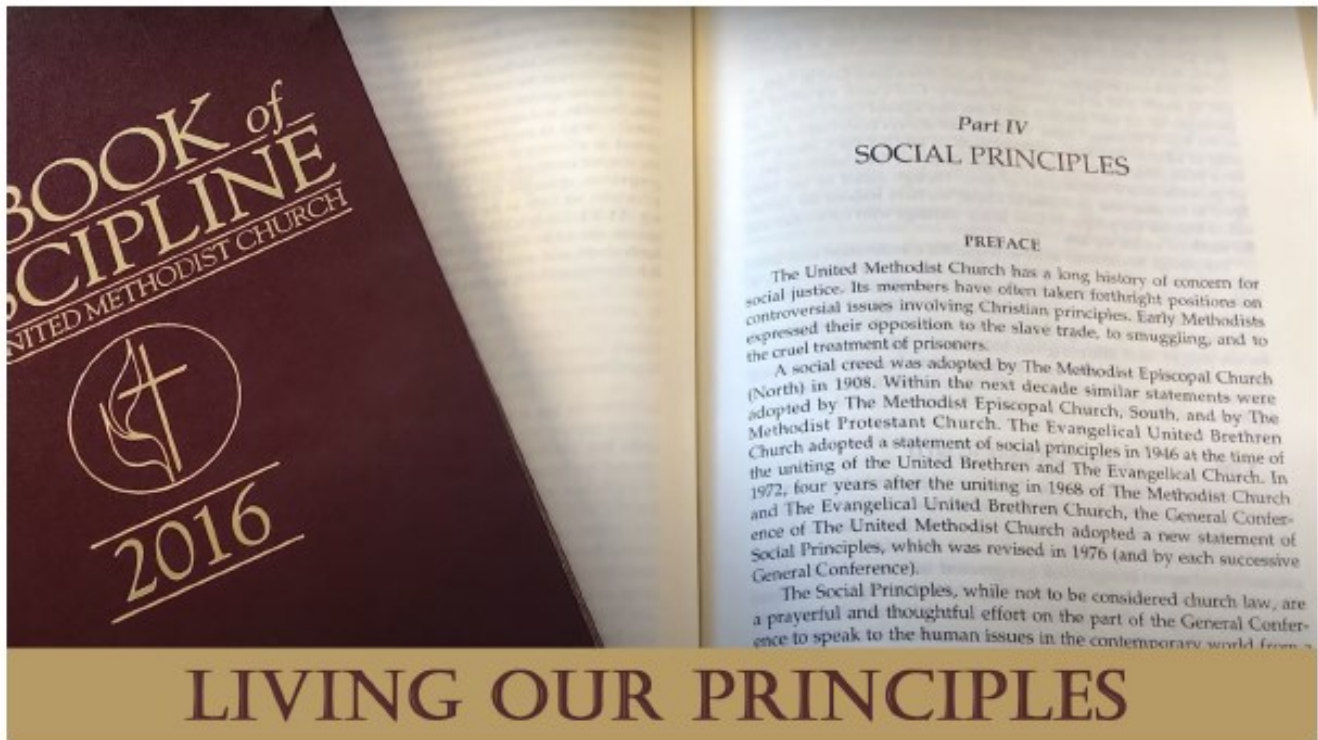


# Arnold Mills United Methodist Church

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## Week 4: “Where Church Meets State”



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*Welcome! You are invited to respond where the **bolded** words appear.  
Hymns can be found on the bulletin insert.*

The flowers on the altar are to the Glory of God,  
And in loving memory of Lois Whitcomb from Selden Whitcomb.

### THE CHURCH GATHERS TO PRAISE

#### PRELUDE

#### WELCOME AND THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

*Matthew 5:13-16*

One: You are the light of the world

All: **A city on top of a hill can't be hidden**

One: People don't light a lamp and put it under a basket

All: **Instead, they put it on top of a lampstand, and it shines on all  
who are in the house**

One: So let your light shine and do good

All: **And people will give glory to God**

#### HYMN

“Stand Up and Bless the Lord”

#662 (UMH)

#### OPENING PRAYER <sup>1</sup>

Holy God, Jesus calls us to be salt and light. By your grace, make us worth our salt – a church at work to change the world. Enable us to be a light that bravely takes a stand, helping your peace and justice to flourish everywhere. Let our worship lead us out to love and serve the oppressed, the poor, the discriminated against. Empower us by your Holy Spirit to make “thy kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven”. We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

### WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READINGS Isaiah 58:9b-12

(OT Pg. 647)

Matthew 5:13-16

(NT Pg. 4)

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

#### MESSAGE

“Where Church Meets State”

## WE RESPOND IN FAITH

**HYMN**

“Bring Forth the Kingdom”

#2190 (FWS)

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE PRAYER OF JESUS**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

God of peace and justice, our Church’s mission is “to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world”. Accept and bless our offerings as a means of participating in that disciple-making and that transformation. May our gifts be used to effect the change that you desire in the hearts of people and in the world around us. Amen.

## WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

**HYMN**

“A Little Bit of Salt”

(see insert)

**BLESSING & SENDING**

**POSTLUDE**


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**PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Liturgist: Chip Thurlow  
Vocalist: Laura Thompson  
Music Director: Joe Mazarella  
Presider: Rev. Arlene Tully


# A Little Bit of Salt




1. A lit - tle bit of salt will quick - ly show its worth;  
2. A lamp that's in a house gives safe - ty, warmth and light;  
3. A gar - den is a place where so much beau - ty grows,  
4. When wor - ship leads us out to love and serve the poor,  
5. It's tempt - ing to re - main well - hid - den, qui - et, bland—



A lit - tle bit of faith - ful - ness will change the earth.  
It's set up - on a ta - ble where it shines so bright.  
Where flow - ers bloom and food is raised and wa - ter flows.  
To wel - come in the im - mi - grant\* at our own door,  
Yet, God, you make us salt and light to change this land.



God, make us worth our salt— a church that's glad to be  
God, make your church a light that brave - ly takes a stand  
When wor - ship leads us out to care for the op - pressed,  
O God, then we'll be called "re - pair - ers of the breach,"  
You send us out to love, to build and to re - pair,



The change that you de - sire in each com - mu - ni - ty  
To bring your love and jus - tice in - to all the land.  
O God, you say we're like a gar - den at its best.  
And we your church will be "re - stor - ers of the streets."  
Till peace and jus - tice flour - ish here and eve - ry - where.