

Poor People's Campaign 2018. 6 Weeks of ACTIONS

1. Enough is Enough: Stop the Suffering (May 13-19)

Leviticus 19:14 Do not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block in front of the blind, but fear your God. I am the Lord.

Leviticus 19:15 Do not pervert justice; do not show partiality to the poor or favoritism to the great, but judge your neighbor fairly.

Deuteronomy 10:17 For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes. 18 He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the foreigner residing among you, giving them food and clothing.

Deuteronomy 15:7 If anyone is poor among your fellow Israelites in any of the towns of the land the Lord your God is giving you, do not be hardhearted or tightfisted toward them. 8 Rather, be openhanded and freely lend them whatever they need.

Psalms 9:18 But God will never forget the needy; the hope of the afflicted will never perish.

Psalms 10:12 Arise, Lord! Lift up your hand, O God. Do not forget the helpless. 14 But you, God, see the trouble of the afflicted; you consider their grief and take it in hand. The victims commit themselves to you; you are the helper of the fatherless. 17 You, Lord, hear the desire of the afflicted, you encourage them, and you listen to their cry, 18 defending the fatherless and the oppressed, so that mere earthly mortals will never again strike terror

Psalms 41: 1 Blessed are those who have regard for the weak; the Lord delivers them in times of trouble.

Psalms 68:5 A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling. 6 God sets the lonely in families, he leads out the prisoners with singing.

Proverbs 22:22 Do not exploit the poor because they are poor and do not crush the needy in court, 23 for the Lord will take up their case

Proverbs 31:8 Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. 9 Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy.

Isaiah 29: 18 The deaf will be able to read, whatever is read to them, the blind will be freed from a life of darkness. The poor and the needy will celebrate and shout, because of the Lord, the holy God of Israel.

Isaiah 61:1 The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim 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, 2 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, 3 and provide for those who grieve in Zion — to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.

Jeremiah 22:3 This is what the Lord says: Do what is just and right. Rescue from the hand of the oppressor the one who has been robbed. Do no wrong or violence to the foreigner, the fatherless or the widow, and do not shed innocent blood in this place.

Matthew 18:10 See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven.

Matthew 19:21 Jesus answered, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

Mark 9:36 He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, 37 "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me."

Luke 4:18 "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

Acts 6:1 In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenistic Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food.

1 Timothy 5:3 Give proper recognition to those widows who are really in need.

1 Timothy 6:17 17 Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. 18 Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share.

2 Timothy 3:2 People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, 3 without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, 4 treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God— 5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with such people.

James 1:27 Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

Hymns (from Chalice Hymnal):

452 (Here I Am Lord) I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry

453 Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace

461 Lord, whose love through humble service bore the weight of human need

490 Let me be your servant, brother let me walk with you.

511 Strong gentle children, God made you beautiful

599 Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to save the neighbors we have from you

686: Of women and of women's hopes we sing of sharing in creations nurturing

Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons) John Bell

NCH 584 I Am the Light of the World

2. Systemic Racism (May 20-26)

Leviticus 19:33 When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them. 34 The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt. I am the Lord your God.

Romans 10:12 For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him,

Romans 13:9 The commandments... are summed up in this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” 10 Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

Galatians 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 2:14 For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility,

Hebrews 13:2 Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. 3 Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

James 2:8 If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, “Love your neighbor as yourself,”^[a] you are doing right. 9 But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers

Proverbs 8:31 Wisdom (that is, the creative impulse of God is talking and says that she) delights in the whole human race

Isaiah 19:25 The Lord of “Hosts” (that is, “armies”) ironically and profoundly says this about Israel’s sworn enemies: “Blessed be Egypt my people, and Assyria the work of my hands”

Hymns (from Chalice Hymnal):

71 Your love, O God, is broad like beach and meadow

630 We Shall Overcome: O deep in my heart I believe, we shall overcome some day

656 God of freedom, God of justice, you whose love is strong as death, you who saw the dark of prison

681 O God, we bear the imprint of your face, the colors of our skin are your design

683 O for a world where everyone respects each other’s ways

685 God made all people of the world into one big family, brothers and sisters all are we

NCH394 In Christ There is No East or West

Jesus Put This Song into Our Hearts Graham Kendrick

3. Militarism (May 27-June 2)

Psalms 102:19 The Lord looked down from his sanctuary on high, from heaven he viewed the earth, 20 to hear the groans of the prisoners and release those condemned to death.

Psalms 103:6 The Lord works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.

Psalms 122: 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May those who love you be secure. 7 May there be peace within your walls and security within your citadels." 8 For the sake of my family and friends, I will say, "Peace be within you."

Isaiah 2:3 Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the temple of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths. The law will go out from Zion, the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. 4 He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.

Micah 4:2 The law will go out from Zion, the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. 3 He will judge between many peoples and will settle disputes for strong nations far and wide. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.

Matthew 5:9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Matthew 5:43 43 "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor[i] and hate your enemy.' 44 But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 45 that you may be children of your Father in heaven.

Luke 6 27 But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, 28 bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.

Luke 6:32 If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. 35 But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back.

Luke 22: 49 When Jesus' followers saw what was going to happen, they said, "Lord, should we strike with our swords?" 50 And one of them struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his right ear. 51 But Jesus answered, "No more of this!" And he touched the man's ear and healed him. 52 Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple guard, and the elders, who had come for him, "Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come with swords and clubs?"

Romans 12:19 Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay,"[d] says the Lord. 20 On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."

2 Corinthians 10:3 For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. 4 The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world.

Galatians 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Ephesians 2:17 He (Jesus) came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. 19 Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people.

Ephesians 6:12-17

A very heavy and very relevant passage especially when you take v. 12 seriously—as referring “the masters of war” sort of thing

Hymns (from Chalice Hymnal):

668 For the healing of all nations, God we pray with one accord

669: O young and fearless Prophet of ancient Galilee, your life is still a summons to serve humanity

673 (Down by the Riverside) Gonna lay down my sword and shield

675 When will people cease their fighting? When will armies wage no war?

676: O God of love, O Power of peace, make wars throughout the world to cease

677 Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me

688 When in awe of God's creation, we view the world from outer space

NCH 436 God of Grace and God of Glory (words: H.E. Fosdick; tune: Rhondda)

4. Healthy Planet and Healthy People (June 3-9)

Genesis 1: 28 God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.

Genesis 2:15 The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.

Leviticus 25:23 The land must not be sold permanently, because the land is mine and you reside in my land as foreigners and strangers. 24 Throughout the land that you hold as a possession, you must provide for the redemption of the land.

Numbers 35:33 Do not pollute the land where you are. Bloodshed pollutes the land, and atonement cannot be made for the land on which blood has been shed, except by the blood of the one who shed it. 34 Do not defile the land where you live and where I dwell, for I, the Lord, dwell among the Israelites.

Psalms 24:1 1 The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; 2 for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters.

Psalms 96:11 Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it. 12 Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them; let all the trees of the forest sing for joy.

Isaiah 24:4 The earth dries up and withers, the world languishes and withers, the heavens languish with the earth. 5 The earth is defiled by its people; they have disobeyed the laws, violated the statutes and broken the everlasting covenant.

Isaiah 35:1 The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom. Like the crocus, 2 it will burst into bloom; it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy.

Jeremiah 2:7 I brought you into a fertile land to eat its fruit and rich produce. But you came and defiled my land and made my inheritance detestable.

Zechariah 10:1 Ask the Lord for rain in the springtime; it is the Lord who sends the thunderstorms. He gives showers of rain to all people, and plants of the field to everyone.

Zechariah 11:2 Wail, you juniper, for the cedar has fallen; the stately trees are ruined! Wail, oaks of Bashan; the dense forest has been cut down! 3 Listen to the wail of the shepherds; their rich pastures are destroyed! Listen to the roar of the lions; the lush thicket of the Jordan is ruined!

Matthew 10:1 Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.

Luke 9:1 When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases, 2 and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.

Luke 10:1 After this the Lord appointed seventy-two[a] others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. 2 He told them... 9 Heal the sick who are there....

Proverbs 9:13-18 The foolish woman is loud; she is ignorant and knows nothing.

¹⁴ She sits at the door of her house, on a seat at the high places of the town, ¹⁵ calling to those who pass by, who are going straight on their way, ¹⁶ "You who are simple, turn in here!" And to those without sense she says,

¹⁷ “Stolen water is sweet, and bread eaten in secret is pleasant.” ¹⁸ But they do not know that the dead are there, that her guests are in the depths of Sheol.

Ezekiel 32:1-2: You consider yourself a lion among the nations, but you are like a dragon in the seas; you thrash about in your streams, trouble the water with your feet, and foul your streams.

Ezekiel 34:17-22 As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord GOD: I shall judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and goats: ¹⁸ Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, but you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture? When you drink of clear water, must you foul the rest with your feet? ¹⁹ And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have fouled with your feet? ²⁰ Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹ Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, ²² I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

Hymns (from Chalice Hymnal):

59 This is my father’s world, and to my listening ears all nature sings

684: We cannot own the sunlit sky, the moon, the wildflowers growing

690: Mountain brook with rushing waters, eagle perched in lofty tree

691 We thank you, God, for water, soil and sky, large gifts supporting everything that lives

693 Touch the earth lightly, use the earth gently, nourish the life of the world in our care

695 God of the fertile fields, shaper of earth that yields our daily bread

696 For beauty of meadows, for grandeur of trees

697 Creative God, you spread the earth with life in many forms

NCH 425 For the Fruit of All Creation

NCH 556 God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

NCH 558 O How Glorious, Full of Wonder

NCH 567 Stars and Planets Flung in Orbit

NCH 569 Touch the Earth Lightly

5. Right to a Life with Dignity – The Essentials (June 10-16)

Psalms 111:5 He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.

Jeremiah 22:13 Woe to him who builds his palace by unrighteousness, his upper rooms by injustice, making his own people work for nothing, not paying them for their labor.

Micah 2:1 Woe to those who plan iniquity, to those who plot evil on their beds!

At morning's light they carry it out because it is in their power to do it. 2 They covet fields and seize them, and houses, and take them. They defraud people of their homes, they rob them of their inheritance.

Micah 4:4 Everyone will sit under their own vine and under their own fig tree, and no one will make them afraid

Matthew 25:34 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, 36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' ... 40 "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

Luke 3:11 Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same."

Hymns (from Chalice Hymnal):

605: For each day of life we thank you, God, the giver of all days

714: For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.

NCH 575 O for a World

NCH 576 For the Healing of the Nations

NCH 588 Let Justice Flow Like Streams

6. Distorted Moral Narrative (June 17-23)

Leviticus 19:15 Do not pervert justice; do not show partiality to the poor or favoritism to the great, but judge your neighbor fairly.

Leviticus 19:18 'Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord.

Deuteronomy 16:19 Do not pervert justice or show partiality. Do not accept a bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and twists the words of the innocent. 20 Follow justice and justice alone, so that you may live and possess the land the Lord your God is giving you.

Psalms 10:2 In his arrogance the wicked man hunts down the weak, who are caught in the schemes he devises. 3 He boasts about the cravings of his heart; he blesses the greedy and reviles the Lord.

Psalms 72:1 Endow the king with your justice, O God, the royal son with your righteousness. 2 May he judge your people in righteousness, your afflicted ones with justice. 3 May the mountains bring prosperity to the people, the hills the fruit of righteousness. 4 May he defend the afflicted among the people and save the children of the needy; may he crush the oppressor.

Isaiah 10:1 Woe to those who make unjust laws, to those who issue oppressive decrees, 2 to deprive the poor of their rights and withhold justice from the oppressed of my people, making widows their prey and robbing the fatherless.

Isaiah 59:4 No one calls for justice; no one pleads a case with integrity. They rely on empty arguments, they utter lies; they conceive trouble and give birth to evil.

Isaiah 59:14 So justice is driven back, and righteousness stands at a distance; truth has stumbled in the streets, honesty cannot enter. 15 Truth is nowhere to be found, and whoever shuns evil becomes a prey.

Ezekiel 22:23 23 Again the word of the Lord came to me: 24 "Son of man, say to the land, 'You are a land that has not been cleansed or rained on in the day of wrath.' 25 There is a conspiracy of her princes within her like a roaring lion tearing its prey; they devour people, take treasures and precious things and make many widows within her. 26 Her priests do violence to my law and profane my holy things; they do not distinguish between the holy and the common; they teach that there is no difference between the unclean and the clean; and they shut their eyes to the keeping of my Sabbaths, so that I am profaned among them. 27 Her officials within her are like wolves tearing their prey; they shed blood and kill people to make unjust gain. 28 Her prophets whitewash these deeds for them by false visions and lying divinations. They say, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says'—when the Lord has not spoken. 29 The people of the land practice extortion and commit robbery; they oppress the poor and needy and mistreat the foreigner, denying them justice.

Amos 2:6 This is what the Lord says: For three sins of Israel, even for four, I will not relent. They sell the innocent for silver, and the needy for a pair of sandals. 7 They trample on the heads of the poor as on the dust of the ground and deny justice to the oppressed.

Amos 5:7 There are those who turn justice into bitterness and cast righteousness to the ground. 10 There are those who hate the one who upholds justice in court and detest the one who tells the truth. 11 You levy a straw tax on the poor and impose a tax on their grain. 12 For I know how many are your offenses and how great your sins. There are those who oppress the innocent and take bribes and deprive the poor of justice in the courts.

15 Hate evil, love good; maintain justice in the courts. 24 But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!

Micah 3:9 Hear this, you leaders of Jacob, you rulers of Israel, who despise justice and distort all that is right 10 who build Zion with bloodshed, and Jerusalem with wickedness. 11 Her leaders judge for a bribe, her priests teach for a price, and her prophets tell fortunes for money. Yet they look for the Lord's support and say, "Is not the Lord among us?"

Micah 6:9 Listen! The Lord is calling to the city—and to fear your name is wisdom—"Heed the rod and the One who appointed it. 10 Am I still to forget your ill-gotten treasures, you wicked house, and the short ephah, which is accursed? 11 Shall I acquit someone with dishonest scales, with a bag of false weights? 12 Your rich people are violent; your inhabitants are liars and their tongues speak deceitfully.

Micah 7:3 Both hands are skilled in doing evil; the ruler demands gifts, the judge accepts bribes, the powerful dictate what they desire— they all conspire together.

Habakkuk 1:3 3 Why do you make me look at injustice? Why do you tolerate wrongdoing? Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and conflict abounds. 4 Therefore the law is paralyzed, and justice never prevails. The wicked hem in the righteous, so that justice is perverted.

Habakkuk 2:6 "'Woe to him who piles up stolen goods and makes himself wealthy by extortion! How long must this go on?'

Habakkuk 2:9 "Woe to him who builds his house by unjust gain, setting his nest on high to escape the clutches of ruin!

Matthew 5:7 Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Matthew 6:19 "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.

Matthew 7:15 15 "Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves.... 20 Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.

Matthew 12:18 Here is my servant whom I have chosen, the one I love, in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will proclaim justice to the nations.

Matthew 23:23 "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices—mint, dill and cumin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former. 24 You blind guides! You strain out a gnat but swallow a camel.

Mark 7:6 These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. 7 They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules.'

Luke 3:14 Then some soldiers asked him, "And what should we do?" He replied, "Don't extort money and don't accuse people falsely—be content with your pay."

Luke 14:11 For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

Luke 16:13 13 “No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”

Luke 22: 27 For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

Romans 2:1 You, therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgment on someone else, for at whatever point you judge another, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgment do the same things.

Ephesians 4:25 25 Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body..... 31 Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. 32 Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Colossians 3:12 Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

Isaiah 58 the whole chapter. NOTE—ISAIAH 58 really is *the*, or at least a, core text for this subject:

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins.

² Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways,

as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God.

³ “Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers.

⁴ Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high.

⁵ Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?

⁶ Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice,

to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free,

and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,

and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them,

and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

⁸ Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly;

your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

⁹ Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

¹⁰ if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,

then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.

¹¹ The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places,

and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden,

like a spring of water, whose waters never fail.

¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

¹³If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;
if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable;
if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs;
¹⁴then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;
I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Hymns (from Chalice Hymnal):

658 Restless Weaver, ever spinning threads of justice and shalom

661 What does the Lord require of you- Justice, love, kindness, walk humbly with your God

672 Where restless crowds are thronging along the city ways

680 O God of every nation, of every race and land, redeem your whole creation

True Faith Needs No Defense D.C. Damon tune: Festal Song