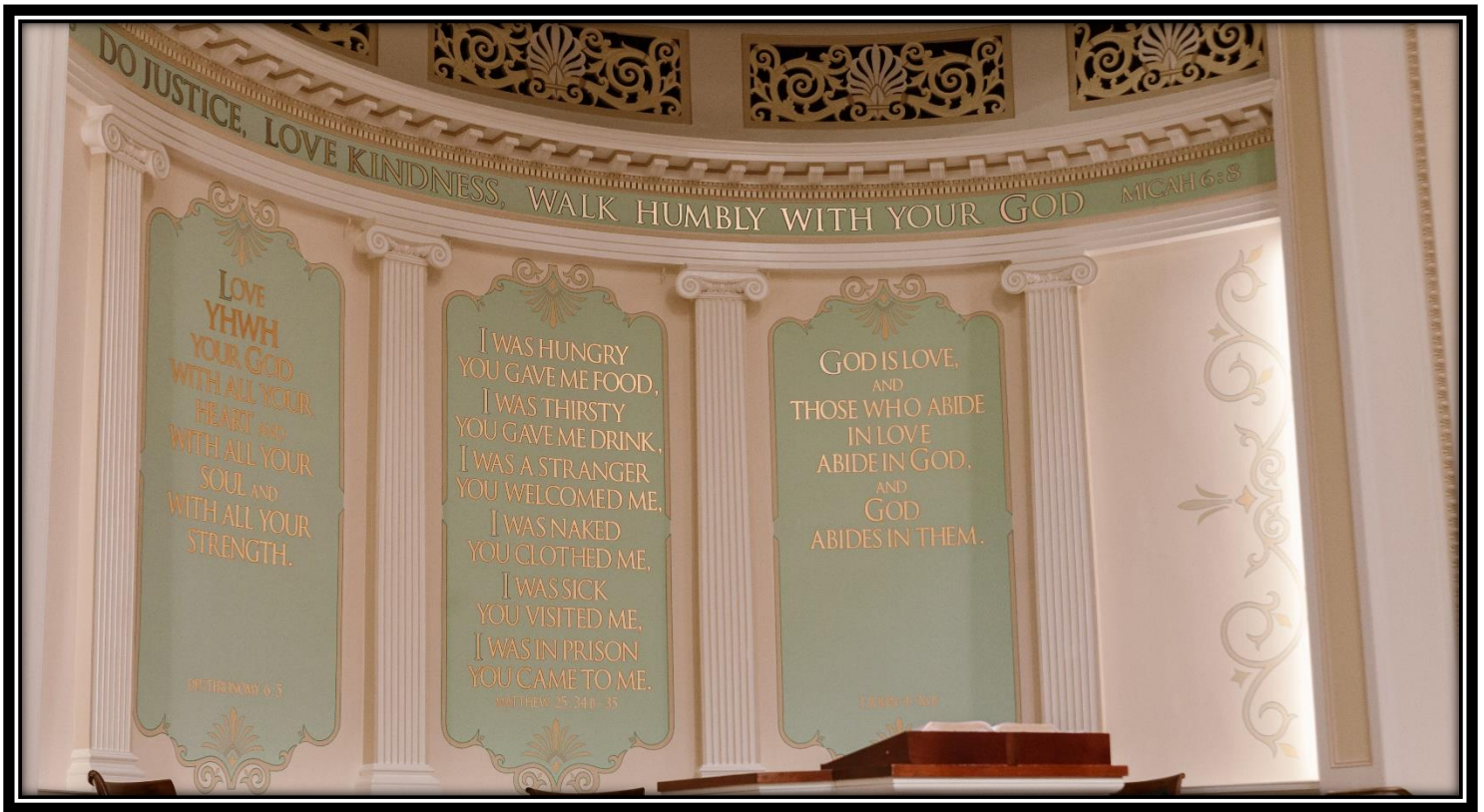


# Chancel Art and Texts

- Do Justice. Love Kindness. Walk Humbly with Your God. *Micah 6:8*
- Love YHWH your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. *Deuteronomy 6:5*
- I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me. *Matthew 25:35-36*
- God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. *1 John 4:16b*



The curved apse behind the pulpit, created in the 1890's, has been given new life with paint colors derived from the stained-glass windows and decorative brackets that draw the eye inward to the texts. Gold leaf, representative of light in Christian art, is used exclusively for the biblical texts: "The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it." (John 1:5)

The scriptural texts are reflections on what God requires of us when called to worship and sent forth into the world: to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God. We're reminded that YHWH,\* revealed to Moses in the burning bush, is the very one who made us and to whom we humbly offer our entire selves. Jesus is the hidden "I" that we see in all who need justice: the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick, and the imprisoned. Finally, we are empowered by God's abiding Spirit to show loving kindness to one another as we build a community of compassion, honesty, respect, and joyful hope.

*\*Pronounced "Yahweh," God's name means "the One who brings into existence whatever exists." Out of reverence for its holiness, YHWH is normally not spoken aloud, though it is visually "unveiled" here. The usual substitution in English translations is "the Lord."*