

Sunday Worship

February 28th, 2021 - 9:30 a.m.

Please have your microphones muted once we start service, thank you.

Greeting

Centering for Worship

Based on Matthew 5:1-11

Blessed are those who are poor, who mourn and who are meek.

In this world and in this worship, are we all not just that?

Blessed are those who thirst, who are merciful and those who are pure.

In this world and in this worship, that might be some of us.

Blessed are those who are peacemakers, who are persecuted, and reviled.

In this world and in this worship, God, please gift me with humbleness in the blessing.

Unison Prayer:

O God, send your Spirit upon us and light our path, that we may travel the road you have prepared for us. Having heard your scriptures proclaimed, and your word revealed, enable our hearts and minds to more fully understand your goodness and your grace. Help us break free from ideas that no longer bring life, that we may embrace the life-giving work of your Spirit. Challenge us to forsake paths that ask little of us, and help us resist the evils and temptations of this world, that we may truly follow the way of kingdom living.

Amen!

Song of Worship - O Jesus I Have Promised (Sing your favorite 3 verses)

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O Jesus I have promised
To serve Thee to the end
Be Thou forever near me
Master and my Friend

I shall not fear the battle
If Thou art by my side
Nor wander from the pathway
If Thou wilt be My guide

O let me feel Thee near me
The world is ever near
I see the sights that dazzle
The tempting sounds I hear

My foes are ever near me
Around me and within
But Jesus draw Thou nearer
And shield my soul from sin

O Jesus Thou hast promised
To all who follow Thee
That where Thou art in glory
There shall Thy servant be

And Jesus I have promised
To see Thee to the end
O give me grace to follow
My Master and my Friend

Offertory Prayer

Lord, in the midst of this Lenten season we continue to offer, asking forgiveness, blessing and thanksgiving. In response to our offering we ask only that what we give may be used in this awkward season of opportunity to do ministry in the places we can not be and the places we can not see. We offer blindly but with faith, faithfully but with hope and hope filled in the promise of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture - Matthew 5:17-26 (New Living Translation)

Teaching about the Law

“Don’t misunderstand why I have come. I did not come to abolish the law of Moses or the writings of the prophets. No, I came to accomplish their purpose. I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not even the smallest detail of God’s law will disappear until its purpose is achieved. So if you ignore the least commandment and teach others to do the same, you will be called the least in the Kingdom of Heaven. But anyone who obeys God’s laws and teaches them will be called great in the Kingdom of Heaven.

“But I warn you—unless your righteousness is better than the righteousness of the teachers of religious law and the Pharisees, you will never enter the Kingdom of Heaven!

Teaching about Anger

“You have heard that our ancestors were told, ‘You must not murder. If you commit murder, you are subject to judgment.’ But I say, if you are even angry with someone, you are subject to judgment! If you call someone an idiot, you are in danger of being brought before the court. And if you curse someone, you are in danger of the fires of hell.

“So if you are presenting a sacrifice at the altar in the Temple and you suddenly remember that someone has something against you, leave your sacrifice there at the altar. Go and be reconciled to that person. Then come and offer your sacrifice to God.

“When you are on the way to court with your adversary, settle your differences quickly. Otherwise, your accuser may hand you over to the judge, who will hand you over to an officer, and you will be thrown into prison. And if that happens, you surely won’t be free again until you have paid the last penny.

Message - Core Values

Prayer of Confession:

O God of Grace, may we not have received you in vain. When we pray because we desire others' good opinion, Forgive us, Lord. When we give our gifts for others' approval, Forgive us, O God. When we deny ourselves to get others' admiration, Forgive us, Merciful One. When we fail to do unto others as we would like them to do unto us, Forgive us, Spirit of Love. When we put our privileged selves first, before the poor and needy and disadvantaged of this world, Forgive us, Creator of Truth. When we keep for ourselves more than what we need, Forgive us, Give-Away God. Forgive us our sins and trespasses and debts. Only then can our souls be washed clean and spotless. Only then can we be your true servants. Only then will we reach the pure heart of the matter.

Amen.

Words of Assurance:

For the heart of the matter is that we can find our treasures in heaven, and also on earth, so long as we are forgiven and set free of our burdens and sin. Bless God who frees us and lights up our heart-shadows with the fire of agape—love

Amen.

Song of Worship - Make Me A Blessing

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Verse 1

Out in the highways and byways of life
Many are weary and sad
Carry the sunshine where darkness is rife
Making the sorrowing glad

Chorus

Make me a blessing make me a blessing
Out of my life may Jesus shine
Make me a blessing O Savior I pray
Make me a blessing to someone today

Verse 2

Tell the sweet story of Christ and His love
Tell of His pow'r to forgive
Others will trust Him if only you prove
True ev'ry moment you live

Chorus

Verse 3

Give as 'twas given to you in your need
Love as the Master loved you
Be to the helpless a helper indeed
Unto your mission be true

Chorus

Community Share Time

For those who wish - stay on for community share time as we visit from box to box.

Go In Peace!