
Prelude:

Welcome Each Other Announcements

Opening Prayer:

Lord, we have come to this place from all walks of life from our chaotic lives and rusty, dusty routines, from all that was and is to all that might be, to the possibilities. We welcome you in our midst and ask that you be near us and breathe your gentle mercies on us so we may leave this place renewed. Amen.

Hymn FWS 2008

Let All Things Now Living

Sharing our Joys; Concerns and Prayers
The Lord's Prayer

Children's Message: "Finding True Happiness in Jesus" Luke 6:20-22 (NIV)

Looking at his disciples, Jesus said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when men hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man.

**Offertory Hymn: "His Eye Is On the Sparrow"
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Scriptures: Matthew 5: 1-11

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5 Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, **2** and he began to teach them. He said:

3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. **4** Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. **5** Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. **6** Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. **7** Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. **8** Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. **9** Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. **10** Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.

Message: "Created for Happiness: Understand Your Life in God" Comments by Rev. Cindi McKee based on the study written by Cynthia A. Bond Hopson.

Hymn: "Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies" p. 179
UM Hymnal

Closing Prayer: Gracious and holy God, we belong to you, heart, mind, body and spirit. You shower us with patience and mercy and for that we are grateful. Remind us Lord, that your plan is for us to be happy and whole and we will seek your will in being so. We will go now in peace. Amen.

Postlude