



OPENING SENTENCES

One: Blessed are we when we hunger:

All: **for we shall be filled.**

One: Blessed are we when we weep, for we shall laugh.

All: **Blessed are we when we follow Christ, for great is our reward in heaven.**

WELCOME

PRELUDE | "Variations on *NETTLETON*"

Undine S. Moore

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, all who are weary, all who feel the weight of the world.

All: **We come to the One who blesses and restores.**

One: Come, all who hunger for righteousness and thirst for peace.

All: **We come to the One who fills and satisfies.**

One: Come, let us worship the living God, who meets us in our need and calls us into life abundant.

All: **We come to worship with joy and gratitude, ready to hear God's word and follow Christ's way.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

+ HYMN #386 | Come, Worship God

+ CALL TO CONFESSION

+ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, We confess that we cling to what is comfortable, even when it keeps us from following you. We trust in wealth and power, forgetting that you bless the poor and the weak. We turn away from those who hunger and mourn, afraid to face their pain.

Forgive us, Lord. Turn our hearts toward you and reshape us in your image, so that we may walk in the way of your blessing. Through Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

+ DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

+ RESPONSE #582

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

*World without end, without end. Amen.
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is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

SHARING THE FAITH WITH OUR CHILDREN

(Children are invited to go upstairs to the nursery or Agape Kidz, for music and crafts.)

All children are welcome to remain in the worship service too. We really do like having them around.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION | Larry Cashen

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING | Jeremiah 17:5-10 (Pew Bible, Old Testament p. 719)

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING | Luke 6:17-26 (Pew Bible, New Testament p. 64)

The Gospel of our Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON | Rev. John Kupar

+ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | from The Confession of 1967, 9.32-9.33

In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus lived among us, sharing our common lot, experiencing temptation and suffering, and calling us to lives of justice, mercy, and love. In the life and ministry of Jesus, we see God's concern for the poor and oppressed. The risen Christ continues to call disciples to work for reconciliation, to proclaim good news to the poor, and to live as a community shaped by God's justice. In every age, God empowers the church to follow Christ's way. As we seek to walk in Christ's footsteps, we trust in God's grace, relying not on wealth or status, but on the abundant life found in God's kingdom. Amen.

+ HYMN #172 | Blest Are They

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE |
INVITATION TO OFFERING**

(EACM's needs: crackers, ramen noodles, peanut butter & jelly, spaghetti & sauce, pancake mix & syrup, laundry detergent & pull up diapers size 6-7)

OFFERTORY | Prayer of Julian of Norwich

Carson Cooman

God, of your goodness, give yourself to me.

For you are enough for me: Only in you do I have everything. Amen.

+ DOXOLOGY

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Christ, all people here below.
Praise Holy Spirit evermore.
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.***



+ PRAYER OF DEDICATION & THE LORD'S PRAYER (DEBTS/DEBTORS)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

+ HYMN #546 | Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

+ CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE | "If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee"

J. S. Bach

We welcome Guy Younce as our guest organist and choir director today.

Our Concerns: Rich Revell, Marsha Biven, Dee Hoge, Connie and Tom Knepshield

(Prayer concerns will remain on our list for a month unless an update is provided to extend the request.)

Rev. Tara Reck, Pastor

Rev. John Kupar, Associate Pastor

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