

August 27, 2017

Summer Sermon Series

“Mountains of the Bible: THE Mount”

First Reading ~ Matthew 5: 1-16

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down and the disciples had gathered around, Jesus began to teach them:

“Blessed are those who are poor in spirit:

the dominion of heaven is theirs.

Blessed are those who are mourning: they will be consoled.

Blessed are those who are gentle: they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for justice: they will have their fill.

Blessed are those who show mercy to others: they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart: they will see God.

Blessed are those who work for peace: they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of their struggle for justice:

Theirs is the dominion of heaven.

“You are fortunate when others insult you, and persecute you, and utter every kind of slander against you because of me. Be glad and rejoice for your reward in heaven is great; they persecuted the prophets before you in the very same way.

“You are the salt of the earth, but what if salt were to lose its purpose? How could you restore it? It would be fit for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

“You are the light of the world. You don’t build a city on a hill, then try to hide it, do you? You don’t light a lamp, then put it under a bushel basket, do you? No, you set it on a stand where it gives light to all the people in the house. In the same way, your light must shine before others so that they may see your goodness and give praise to your Heavenly Creator.

Second Reading

~from the Ordination Covenant for Rev. Emma Chattin, August 28, 2004

Ministry is About Promise: Making a Promise, and Answering God’s Promise

[PS ~ It is best to make promises you have already kept]

Will you seek to live in the Spirit, walk in the Spirit, and be led of the Spirit?

Will you journey with God’s people?

Will you seek and celebrate love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control?

Will you do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with your God?

Will you seek to be the hands and feet of Christ in this world?

Will you testify to the Good News of God's Love with your life?