

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Centering Song

Open The Eyes of My Heart

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### **+ Call To Worship**

One: The blessing of God is here,  
a blessing poured out upon the poor of the earth.

**All: Glorious is our God who wipes away the tears of sorrow.**

One: To the meek, the disinherited, the pushed away,  
God proclaims you are the legacy  
for which we have waited.

**All: Through them, God satisfies our hunger  
and thirst for justice.**

One: God's blessing is upon those who seek mercy  
rather than revenge, whose one goal in life is to bring  
about God's best for us all.

**All: God is with the peacemakers and the persecuted,  
drawing us all together until we all know God's  
blessing for ourselves.**

### **+ Opening Prayer**

**God of every blessing, in your presence there is great joy.  
You see us as we are and embrace us fully. In that embrace  
we find that you are with us, even in times when we have  
been pushed out, when we mourn, and when we do the hard  
work of making peace. Let your blessing flow through us  
today that our lives may be full with your joy now and  
always. Through Christ we pray. Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

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## **PROCLAMATION**

Children's Time      Chris Smith-Kozlowski, *Dir. of Children's Min.*  
Nursery care is provided after the children's moment.  
Feel free to check on them anytime in our nursery area.

*+ Let us rise in body or spirit.*

The Word in Music This Is The Kingdom Furtick, Barrett, Ingram, Brown

Scripture Reading      Matthew 5:1-12

Sermon      Rev. Michael Mann

## **OUR RESPONSE**

### **Prayers of the People**

Share a prayer concern on the cards in the pews. Join us in praying  
the Lord's Prayer.

### **Invitation to Generosity**

Offertory

Doxology

### **Blessing of the Gifts**

**As we give these gifts to you, O God, we release them to be a  
blessing to those in need. For those who are pushed out of their  
home country, held down by the weight of poverty, or who mourn  
what could have been, let these gifts be a reminder that you are  
with them. Bless those of us who give and those who receive, that  
we all may see your will done now and always, through Jesus  
Christ we pray. Amen.**

\* Hymn of Celebration You Who Are Thirsty

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### **\* Charge & Benediction**

**God's blessing is with the poor, the mourning, the merciful,  
the peacemakers. Go now and live in God's blessing, that we  
may all know God's peace for ourselves. Amen. We go to  
share the peace of God with all we meet.**

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