

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Centering Song Open The Eyes of My Heart 3008W&S

+ 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 402 UMH

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 2132(TFWS)

*** 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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