

**Order of Service**  
**February 5, 2023**

**Candle-Lighting**

**Call to worship**

**(inspired by Matthew 5:3-12, Luke 6:20-22)**

*Minister* Happy are we

**All** when our treasures cannot be quantified.

*Minister* Happy are we

**All** when our knowledge is tempered by mystery.

*Minister* Happy are we

**All** when our pain is held in the balm of love.

*Minister* Happy are we

**All** when our delight comes from beyond ourselves

*Minister* Family of God, from whom does our help come?

**All** Our help comes from the Lord,  
the maker of Heaven and Earth *(Psalm 124:8)*

*Minister* Let us worship God in the beauty of holiness

**Introit for Epiphany - I saw the light (Verse 1 and Chorus)**

I wandered so aimless, life filled with sin  
I wouldn't let my dear Saviour in.  
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night  
Praise the Lord! I saw the light!

*I saw the light. I saw the light  
No more darkness, no more night  
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight  
Praise the Lord! I saw the light.*

**Welcome & Land acknowledgment**

**Birthdays, Anniversaries, Concerns & Celebrations**

Happy Birthday to you! Happy Anniversary to you!  
May God bless you & keep you the coming year through

**Opening prayer & The Lord's prayer**

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **Hymn: The beatitudes**

*(Tune: VU 559)*

1.

Blessed are the poor in spirit;  
all God's realm is surely theirs.  
Those in mourning will find comfort  
as an answer to their prayers.  
Meek ones whom this world despises  
will inherit everything.  
God, your kingdom still surprises;  
may we seek the reign you bring.

2.

Blessed, too, are those who hunger  
and who thirst for what is right.  
They will not be prone to wander,  
for your will is their delight.  
Those who show God's care and mercy  
will receive that mercy too.  
God, in Christ you show us clearly  
of the joy we have in you.

3.

Those who share the peace God gives them  
will find blessings as God's own.  
Those oppressed for faithful living  
will call heaven's kingdom Home.  
When the world's ways seem distressing  
and we feel life's painful sting,  
God, reminds us of the blessings  
of the wondrous life you bring.

**Greeting Christ in All of Us - Passing the Peace**

## **The ministry of music - Our choir presents...**

### **Children's hymn: Take time to be holy VU 672**

1

Take time to be holy, speak oft with your Lord;  
abide in him always, and feed on his word.  
Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak,  
forgetting in nothing his blessing to seek.

2

Take time to be holy, let him be your guide,  
and run not before him, whatever betide.  
In joy or in sorrow, still follow the Lord,  
and, looking to Jesus, still trust in his word.

3

Take time to be holy, be calm in your soul,  
each thought and each motive beneath his control.  
Thus led by his spirit to fountains of love,  
you soon shall be fitted for service above.

## **A time for all God's children**

### **Invitation to the offering**

#### **The Offering "We Give Thee But Thine Own"**

VU 543

We give Thee but Thine own, whate'er the gifts may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

### **Announcements**

### **Pastoral Prayer**

## **Today's scripture: Matthew 5: 1-12**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. 'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

May God bless to our understanding this reading of Holy Scripture.

**Amen**

## **Sermon: Don't worry....be blessed**

*When you worry, call me, I make you happy...  
It will soon pass, whatever it is  
Don't worry, be happy  
- Bobby McFerrin*

## **Benediction**

### **Hymn: Blessed are the poor (Tune: Maori - "Search me O God")**

1.  
Blest are the poor, whose spirits know their need;  
God's heav'nly kingdom will be theirs indeed.  
Blest those who mourn; God's comfort will be known.  
Blest are the meek; the world will be their own.

2.  
Blest, those who seek God's righteousness each day;  
They will be filled and never turned away.  
Blest are the kind, for mercy will be giv'n.  
Blest are the pure in heart; they'll see God in heav'n.

3.

Blest, men of peace; they will God's sons be named.  
Blest, those who suffer slander and much shame.  
Blest, faithful ones, enduring for your Lord.  
Rejoice, be glad, for great is your reward.

4.

I see my need and humbly seek Your face.  
Show me Your mercy; all my cares erase.  
Keep my heart pure; I long for righteousness.  
I know that as Your child I'm fully blest.