

OUR CHURCH FAMILY AT WORSHIP  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

January 29, 2023

11:00 A.M.

TIME OF GATHERING: Read through Announcements, Pray over Concerns, Meditate on Celebrations and the wonder and grace of God, and Thanksgiving to God....  
**Please sign the red pads and pass it onto the next person in your pew.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Be Thou My Vision* Mark Thewes

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Blessed are the poor in spirit, the downtrodden and despairing,

**People: They will rejoice in God's reign forever.**

Leader: Blessed are those who mourn, who are grieving,

**People: They will be comforted in God's reign forever.**

Leader: Blessed are the ones who seek justice and righteousness,

**People: They will find it in God's reign forever.**

Leader: Blessed are we when we love our neighbors and seek their needs,

**People: We will live in God's reign forever.**

Leader: We are blessed when we seek to serve others in God's name.

**All: Let us worship together, serving one another and serving our Mighty God.**

\*HYMN *Christ for the World We Sing* No. 568

OPENING PRAYER (seated)

Unison: **Give me, O God, this day: humility, so I can see you in the most vulnerable; a cup to catch the tears of all who weep; an arm for the long-suffering to cling to as they walk through life; a broken heart which can heal those who have harmed me; guilelessness which looks at the other and sees your beloved (rather than an object); friendship which embraces those we are taught to fear; hospitality which welcomes those who are ridiculed as they follow you; words of hope, of comfort, of grace whispered in the ears of all who are slandered for your name.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25, 30-31

Liturgist: The Word of God for God's people.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

\*SUNG RESPONSE *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks* No. 236 vs 6

**All glory be to God on high and on the earth be peace;  
Goodwill hence forth from heaven to earth  
begin and never cease, begin and never cease!**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**Unison: We believe in God the Father, who reveals his love to us in Christ.  
We believe in God the Son, who pours out God's Holy Spirit on us.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, who teaches us God's truth.  
We believe in one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

CHOIR ANTHEM *The Best Gift of All* Albrecht/Althouse

GOSPEL READING Matthew 5:1-12

MESSAGE *You Are Blessed!* Pastor Janet Sattel

\*HYMN *Be Thou My Vision* No. 451

AN INVITATION TO PRAY

+Confessing the Beatitudes

Unison: **Lord Jesus, you taught us that in your kingdom,**

**"Blessed are the poor in spirit" - but we have been rich in pride.**

**"Blessed are those who mourn" - but we have not known much sorrow for our sin.**

**"Blessed are the meek" - but we are rebellious by nature.**

**"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness" - but we have great desire for evil and little longing for your true goodness.**

**"Blessed are the merciful - but we are harsh and impatient.**

**"Blessed are the pure in heart" - but we have impure hearts.**

**"Blessed are the peacemakers" - but we have not sought reconciliation.**

**"Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness" - but our lives do not challenge the world.**

**"Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me" - but we have hardly made it known that we are yours.**

**Lord, have mercy on us and forgive us all of our sins. Renew us and lead us by your Holy Spirit so that we may seek first your kingdom and your righteousness and walk joyfully in the way of your blessing.**

+Pastoral Prayer

+Lord's Prayer (trespasses)

+Sung Response

*Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus*

**Turn Your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face  
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim  
in the light of his glory and grace.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

*Blessed Jesus at Thy Word*

arr, J. Wayne Kerr

\*Congregational Response

*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*

No. 160 (vs5)

**Praise God who reigns on high, the Lord whom we adore,  
The Father, Son and Holy Ghost, one God forever more.  
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.**

\*HYMN

*O Spirit of the Living God*

No. 539

\*BENEDICTION

Pastor: And now, may the Lord bless you and protect you.  
May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you.  
May the Lord show you his favor and give you his peace.  
Blessed are you in the name of Christ.

**People: We are blessed! Thanks be to God. Amen**

\*ORGAN RESPONSE

\*POSTLUDE

*Toccata in a minor*

Johann Kobrich

\*All Stand if possible +All kneel or sit to pray

We thank all those who helped with the service this morning.

Liturgist: Doug Powell

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Reverend Janet Sadel, Lead Pastor

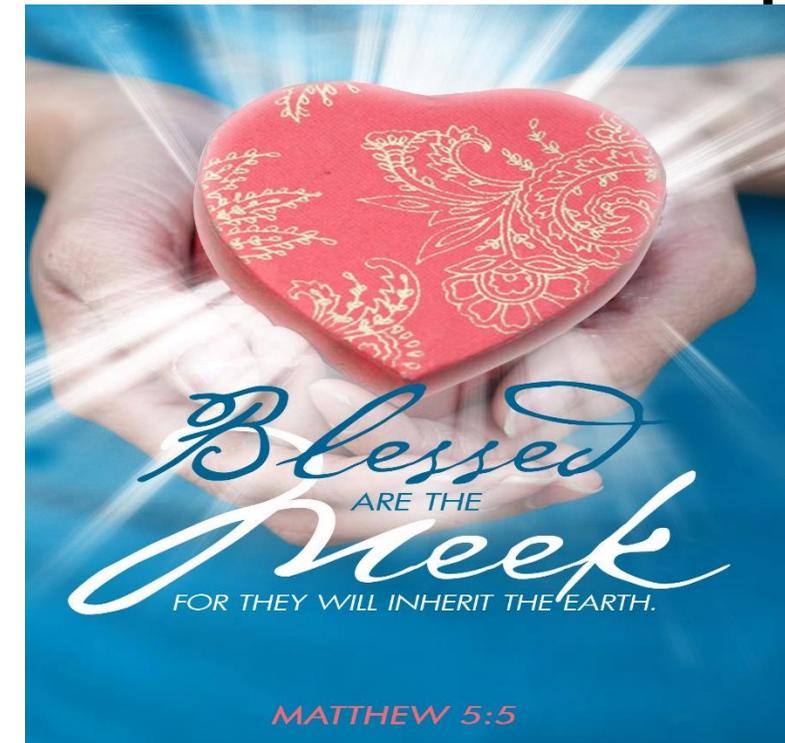
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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

*Celebration of Faith*



*You Are Blessed*

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1500 Quentin Road / Lebanon, PA 17042  
church: 717-272-7741 / www.umcogs.org

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## Calendar for Week of 1/29/2023

### SUNDAY

- 8:30 / 9:45 - Contemporary [Worship Center]
- 9:45 - Sunday School
- 11:00 - Traditional Worship [Sanctuary]
- 11:00 - Parenting SS Class [Lounge]
- 4:00 - CR Step Study [Lounge/Choir rm]

### MONDAY

- 10-12 - Staff Meeting
- 6:00 - Praise Team Rehearsal
- 7:00 - Social Justice Team Meeting [Lounge]

### TUESDAY

- 7:00 - Book Study [Lounge]

### WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 1

- 8:30-11:30 - MLLC [rms 200/202]
- 7:00 - Celebrate Recovery
- 7:00 - Traditional Choir Rehearsal [Sanctuary]

### THURSDAY Ground Hog Day

- 5:00 - Contemporary Design Team
- 5:30 - Traditional Design Team



### FRIDAY

### SATURDAY

- 9:00 - Contemporary Worship Rehearsal

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- 11:00 - ASP Meeting [Hall]
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## SERMON OUTLINE

“You Are Blessed”

Matthew 5:1-12; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25, 30-31

Pastor Janet Sattel

The Beatitudes were not as a command. Jesus is not saying that you have to do such and such *in order to be blessed by God*.

In Hebrew “blessed” means “oh the happiness of the one.”

Now is the day that God looks on you with favor and love, despite whatever the world may think or say about you. God *adores* you.

Happiness is not found in the things of this world, but in God. Only Jesus can fulfill all meaningful desires for happiness.

The beatitudes are statements about what life looks like for those who live in the kingdom way. They are statements about the disposition deep within us and what it means to be an *authentic* human being. In order to be what God would have us be, we need the presence of God living within us. And for this to occur we need to let go of our own self – we need to be poor in spirit.

Blessed are the meek – because this is where our own strength of will ends.

If we hunger and thirst for righteousness, then instead of emptiness we have the fullness of the Living God within us. If we crave righteousness in our everyday life, we will bear the fruit of the Spirit.

Mercy is not something we *do*, it is something we become – merciful, full of mercy. Compassion – to be passionate with - is to suffer *with* others, and this comes *through* the strength of the Holy Spirit.

The beatitudes are an invitation to see the world through the eyes of Jesus.

Jesus invites us into a way of living in this world, a better way than what the world offers. God’s blessing is for all – it is for everyone, for you and for me. You *are* blessed!