

This Sunday's Worship Service
January 16, 2022

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life

*Call to Worship

One: Blessed are we

All: when our treasures cannot be quantified.

One: Blessed are we

All: when our knowledge is tempered by mystery.

One: Blessed are we

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

One: Blessed are we

All: when our delight comes from beyond ourselves.

*Opening Hymn 223

O MY SOUL, BLESS YOUR REDEEMER

Prayer of Confession

God we come to you and humbly confess:

Blessed are the poor in spirit, but in our pride we exalt ourselves.

Blessed are those who mourn, but in our envy we recoil from others' happiness.

Blessed are the meek and the peacemakers, but in our wrath we lash out in revenge.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, but in our sloth we shrink away from virtue.

Blessed are the merciful, but in our greed we demand to possess and fail to give.

Blessed are the pure in heart, but in our lust we sacrifice others to serve ourselves.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, but in our gluttony we consume unto sickness.

Heavenly Father, we have loved darkness when you call us to light. Give us grace to walk again in the light by the blood of Jesus who cleanses us from all sin. Do this for our good and for Your glory. AMEN.

Moments of Silence and Assurance

People of God, hear the Good News! In Christ we are forgiven everything! No stain of sin remains. We walk in the light of His love fully forgiven and accepted. Feel that Good News in your heart. **Amen.**

Moment for Children

Hymn of Preparation 316

BREATHE ON ME, BREATH OF GOD

Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:1-12

Message

"Becoming Ourselves—Blessing Upside-down"

*Hymn of Response 327

O WORD OF GOD INCARNATE

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

*Closing Hymn

BLESSED BE YOUR NAME

Blessing