January 29, 2023



"Blessed are . . .: the many blessings of Christ"

Matthew 5:1-12

Gathered at Federated Church: 76 Bell Street, Chagrin Falls, OH 44022

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Fifth Sunday of Epiphany

10 AM

Chimes indicate the service is starting, and silence is appreciated to prepare for worship.

Prelude

I'm So *Blessed* (Cain)

RISE to Shine Band

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton

Introit

Wild River (Phil Wickham)

RISE to Shine Band

* Call to Worship (responsive)

Morgan Graves

One: God has given us this holy day that we may give praise.

All: May we thank God for this generous gift.

One: God has given us Jesus that we may learn the ways of love and peace.

All: May we thank God for this generous gift.

One: God has blessed us that we may be a blessing to each other and the world.

All: May we thank God for this generous gift.

One: The gifts of God are many. May we be humbled.

All: Amen.

* Passing of Christ's Peace

(Children from grades K-8 leave for Sunday School)

* Hymn

We Are the Light of the World

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Opening Prayer (unison)

Morgan Graves

Dear Jesus,

You teach us, through your words and actions, that the last shall be first.

Yet, so often, we succumb to the ways of the world.

We worship wealth when we should serve those who are poor.

We clamor for power when we should stand up for those who are weak.

Dear Jesus,

Help us to see the world as you do,

that we may understand how to live a life like yours. Amen.

* Those who are able stand

**** Worshipers may be seated

Presentation of Christmas Eve Offering

Linda Zelazny; Ella Thomas, Executive Director, Thea Bowman Center

Invitation to Generosity

Linda Zelazny

Blessed Are You (Sarah Hart)

RISE to Shine Band

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Fellowship of Prayer

Rev. Betsy Wooster

Lord's Prayer

Anthem

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.

Amen.

* **Hymn** Purer in Heart, O God No. 573

Scripture Matthew 5:1–12 Rev. Throckmorton

Sermon Rev. Throckmorton

* **Hymn** God, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing No. 439

* Benediction Rev. Throckmorton

Postlude Goodness of God (Bethel Music) RISE to Shine Band

~ Departing to Service ~

"We Are the Light of the World" by Jean Greif

Blessed are they who are poor in spirit, theirs is the kingdom of God. Bless us, O Lord, make us poor in spirit; Bless us, O Lord, our God.

Refrain:

We are the light of the world; may our light shine before all, that they may see the good that we do, and give glory to God. Blessed are they who are meek and humble, they will inherit the earth. Bless us, O Lord, make us meek and humble; Bless us, O Lord, our God.

Refrain

Blessed are they who will mourn in sorrow, they will be comforted. Bless us, O Lord, when we share their sorrow; Bless us, O Lord, our God.

Refrain

Bless those who hunger and thirst for justice, they will be satisfied. Bless us, O Lord, hear our cry for justice; Bless us, O Lord, our God.

Refrain

Blessed are they who show others mercy, they will know mercy too. Bless us, O Lord, hear our cry for mercy; Bless us, O Lord, our God.

Refrain

Blessed are they who bring peace among us, they are the children of God. Bless us, O Lord, may your peace be with us; Bless us, O Lord, our God.

Refrain

UPCOMING WORSHIP

Sunday, February 5th, 10 AM Rev. Betsy Wooster preaches "Being Salt and Light in the World" Matthew 5:13-20