



**September 15, 2019**

**Worship 9:30am**

**Sunday School 10:50am**

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

PRELUDE

Carol Buller

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Andy Shelly, worship leader

\*HYMN #120

*Holy, holy, holy*

**WE LISTEN AND LEARN**

CONVERSATION WITH CHILDREN

Jan Buerge

SERMON

*The veil lifting*  
Matthew 5:1-20 (see inside)

RESPONSE

*Mara's Reflection*  
Naomi Wiebe, Jonathan Wiebe, Fischer Unruh, Rosi Penner Kaufman

Mellits

## WE RESPOND AND SHARE

BAPTISM (see insert)

### SHARING JOY

*We welcome the introduction of guests and visitors during this time. One way we get to know one another is by signing the friendship registers. Once the register reaches the center aisle, please pass it back to the outer aisle.*

### SHARING CONCERNS

### PRAYING TOGETHER

*Slips of paper are available in the pew racks for those who wish to offer joys and concerns silently and anonymously. These papers, if put in the offering plate, will be placed in the prayer bowl table at the front of the sanctuary.*

### OFFERING

### MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*If you did not have time to submit a written announcement, or if something new needs highlighting, please hand your written announcement to the worship leader or pastor before the worship service.*



*Children in K-5grades are dismissed to the Rainbow Room for WorshipArts, a time for children to respond to worship, ask questions, and learn more about the language, ritual, movement, sound and art incorporated in worship.*

## WE GO INTO THE WORLD WITH LOVE

### \*SENDING FORTH

*Please remain standing for the closing hymn and postlude.*

### \*HYMN #82

*Water has held us*

### \*POSTLUDE

*\* Please stand in body or in spirit.*

*Unless otherwise indicated, hymns are in the blue *Hymnal: A Worship Book*.*

*Songs designated "SJ" are in the green *Sing the Journey* hymnal.*

*As we sing, please use language that makes worship most meaningful, enriching and inclusive.*

## Matthew 5:1-20

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them.

He said:

“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 be shown 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 because of righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.”

Now **Here** God

Here is a place for worship reflections. What are you sensing about God in the here and now?  
What words, images or questions do you want to take with you into this new week?

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