



Michelle Burkholder, VT 291

September 22, 2024
Sermon on the Mount

Worship 9:30am

Fellowship 10:30am
Faith Formation for all ages 10:50am

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Janelle Arnett Campbell, organist

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Duane Krehbiel, worship leader

*HYMN VT 721

Christ Be in Your Senses

WE LISTEN AND LEARN

MOMENT OF WONDER

Joshua Chittum

ANTHEM

Blessèd, How Blessèd

Cherwien

see text next page

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:21-37

SERMON

The perfect life for an imperfect people

Ruth Harder

*HYMN VT 720

O God in Heaven

WE RESPOND AND SHARE

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.

As we share our joys and concerns, please be mindful of those gathered remotely.

SHARING CONCERNS

PRAYING TOGETHER

VT 1040

VT 707 *Dona Nobis Pacem*

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

If you would like to take advantage of electronic giving, please find the QR code printed in the newsnotes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE GO INTO THE WORLD WITH LOVE

*HYMN VT 722

Help Us to help Each Other

*SENDING FORTH VT 841

As You Go Out from Here

*POSTLUDE

*You are invited to stand

Anthem text: *Blessèd, how blessèd.* Text: Susan Palo Cherwien
Music: David Cherwien

Blessèd, how blessèd, those who thirst for goodness
open and hoping for God's righteous rain:
God sends forth rivers to water the dessert;
God's love lasts ever; how blessèd are they.

Blessèd, how blessèd, those who sigh in sorrow,
furrowed and harrowed by sadness and pain:
God walks beside them and enters their absence;
God's voice gives solace; how blessèd are they.

Blessèd, how blessèd, those who live in mercy,
giving, receiving from God's warming grace:
God's sunlight blesses all those who love kindness;
love never ceases; how blessèd are they.

Blessèd, how blessèd, those who work for concord,
nation and neighbor abandon the blade:
Sword turns to plowshare, and fortress, to forest;
all in God's Oneness; how blessèd are they.

Here is God reigning, here God's love sustaining,
all the blessèd see God's dawning day:
wounded and grounded, by mercy surrounded,
foretaste and harvest; how blessèd are they.

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