

THE BEATITUDES

April 9, 2025

Theme: Attitude Check

As We Gather

The Sermon on the Mount is the longest message recorded in the gospels. Jesus’ message brings to us a great deal of insight into our role in the Kingdom of Heaven, and He starts it all with the “Beatitudes.” I must admit at one time, the Beatitudes sounded to me, “Today, life is hard. But one day soon, I will bless you!” yet I have discovered that these sayings are powerful when viewed through a new lens. It’s a prescription on how we are to live. This Lent, we will study the Beatitudes as a way to live our lives as “be” attitudes.

Prelude

1:00pm Steve SeGraves

7:00pm Rick Helderop

Opening Hymn 159

Go to Dark Gethsemane

- Go to dark Gethsemane, ye that feel the tempters power;
Your Redeemer’s conflict see, watch with Him one bitter hour;
Turn not from His griefs away; learn of Jesus Christ to pray.
- Follow to the judgment hall; view the Lord of life arraigned;
Oh, the wormwood and the gall! Oh, the pangs His soul sustained!
Shun not suff’ring, shame or loss; learn of Him to bear the cross.

- Early hasten to the tomb, where they laid His breathless clay;
All is solitude and gloom, who hath taken Him away?
Christ is risen! He meets our eyes. Savior, teach us so to rise.

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Children’s Message - 7:00pm

Lenten Litany

P: Holy God: in this season of Lenten fasting, we remember Christ

C: Who went out into the desert to fast and undergo temptation.

P: We confess that we are often distracted by material comforts

C: And tempted to value them above the Kingdom of God.

P: You, God, are our help in difficulty;

C: Christ is our inspiration.

P: We confess that we do not live by bread or worldly provision alone,

C: But by every word that comes from Your mouth.

P: May we fill our mouths, our hearts, our minds now with your words

C: That we might be transformed and renewed.

P: May we, with renewed hearts and minds,

C: Better serve the purposes of Your kingdom.

P: May we, by setting aside worldly distractions

C: Become more like Christ.

P: May we, with purified motives and deeper understanding,

C: Receive Christ when He comes to us.

P: Lead us not into temptation,

C: But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 51:1-12

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge. Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb; you taught me wisdom in that secret place. Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Hymn

Blest Are They - Haas

Verse 3:

Blest are they who show mercy,
Mercy shall be theirs.
Blest are they, the pure of heart,
They shall see God!

Refrain:

Rejoice and be glad!
Blessed are you, holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the kingdom of God!

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:1-10

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.”

Hymn of the Day

Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart

- Rejoice, O pure in heart; rejoice, give thanks, and sing.
Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain: Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

- With all the angel choirs, with all the saints on earth,
Pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rapture, noblest mirth! - *Refrain* -

- Still lift your standard high, will march in firm array;
As warriors through the darkness toil till dawns the golden day. - *Refrain* -

Sermon

Matthew 5:8

Beatitude 6:
Blessed Are the Pure in Heart, for They Will See God
Rev. James H. Greenwalt

Offering - 7:00pm

(1:00pm offering will be received at the door.)

*At this time, please take a moment to record your attendance here with us today.
Instructions are on the back page.*

Voluntary

1:00pm Karen Newman, *Soloist* The Truth - Wood

7:00pm Day By Day, and With Each Passing Moment - arr. Courtney
Bonnie L. Brooks and Rick Lee, *Duet*

Prayer of the Church

Lord’s Prayer

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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 and ever. Amen.

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn 172

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

- O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded with thorns, Thine only crown.
O sacred Head, what glory, what bliss, till now was Thine!
Yet, tho’ despised and gory, I joy to call Thee mine.
- Men mock and taunt and jeer Thee, Thou noble countenance,
Tho’ mighty worlds shall fear Thee and flee before Thy glance.
How art Thou pale with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn!
How doth Thy visage languish that once was bright as morn!
- Now from Thy cheeks has vanished their color, once so fair;
From Thy red lips is banished the splendor that was there.
Grim Death, with cruel rigor hath robbed Thee of Thy life;
Thus Thou hast lost Thy vigor, Thy strength, in this sad strife.

Postlude

1:00pm Steve SeGraves

7:00pm Rick Helderop

Thanks and appreciation to:
Karen Newman, Bonnie L. Brooks, and Rick Lee
for providing special music at today’s services.

Pianist

1:00pm - Steve SeGraves

Organist

7:00pm - Rick Helderop

Audio/Video Operators

7:00pm - Jim Endress and Bruce Helmke

Altar Guild

Laurie Krentz, Katie Moigis, Julie Nummer,
Beth Lanthier, Sandy Pourcho, Cheryl Carr, Asia Maeder,
Crissy Bienkowski, Erin Mortenson, Tracey Fish

Ushers

1:00pm - Bob Stewart

7:00pm - Mike Grattan, *Captain*; Rick McDonald, Andrew Tafel,
Eric Rolf, Ron LaLone, Bryan Grattan, David Eberly

Our Lenten Meals Prepared By

Lunch: The Thompson Family

Dinner: Michele Margosian and Men's Bible Study

Please take a moment to record your attendance here with us today.

There are two simple ways to do this:

1. Scan the QR code and fill out the online attendance form.
2. Use the worship card found in your pew. You may drop it in the offering plate or simply leave it in your pew after you fill it out.



JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!

HOLY WEEK

Maundy Thursday, April 17th

1:00pm - Chapel; 7:00pm - Sanctuary
Holy Communion at Both Services

Good Friday, April 18th

1:00pm and 7:00pm - Sanctuary

Easter Eve, April 19th

5:00pm - Sanctuary

Easter Sunday Services, April 20th

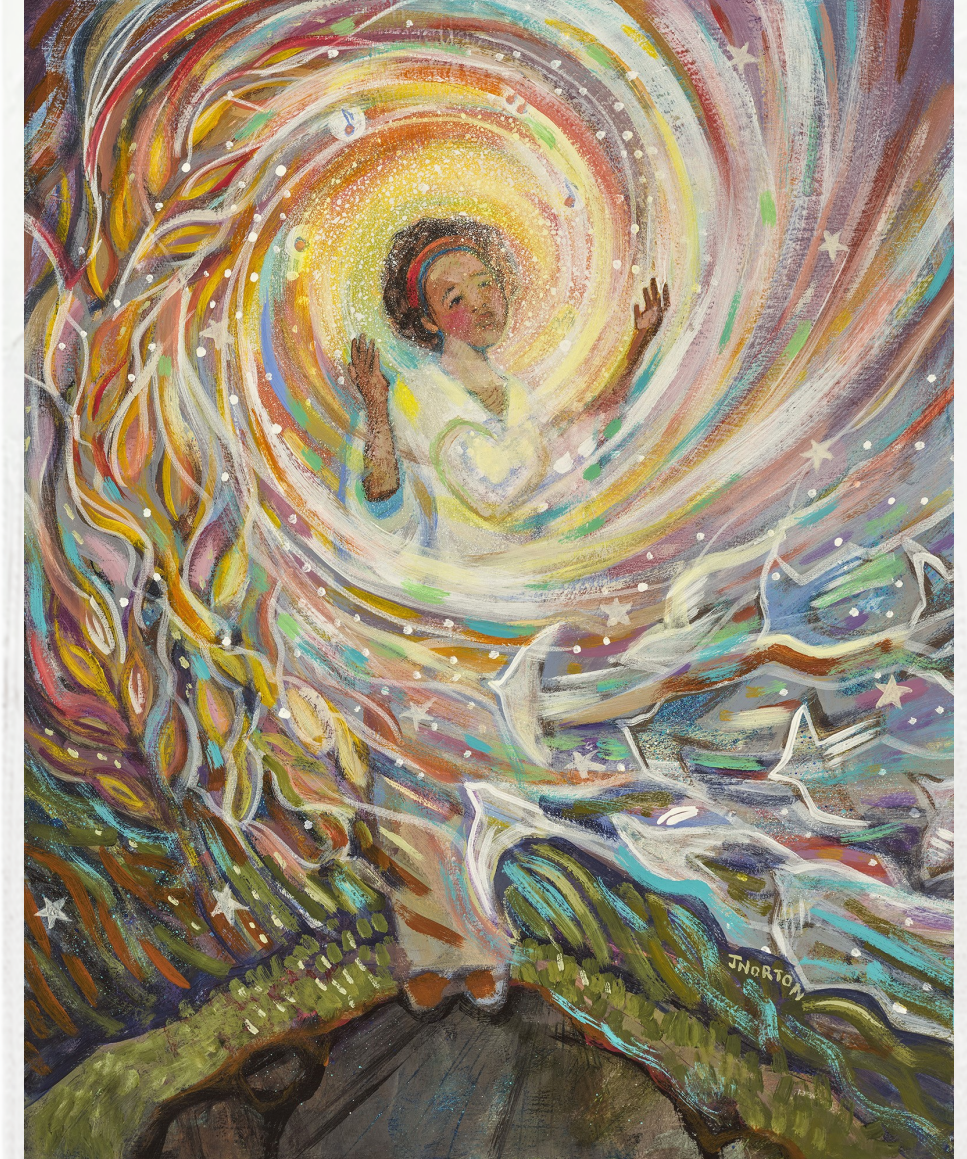
7:30am with Holy Communion;
9:00am and 10:30am

*Easter Egg Hunt to follow Easter Sunday
10:30am Service*

Bring your Easter Basket!!

***THE 10:30AM EASTER SERVICE
WILL BE LIVESTREAMED***

ATTITUDE CHECK



BLESSED ARE THE PURE IN HEART

APRIL 9, 2025

1:00pm/7:00pm

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