

Gathering Music

Come and Find the Quiet Center

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Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

The 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Call to Worship (*responsive*):

One: Redeeming God, you come to us in Christ

All: to rescue us from slavery and lead us out of captivity.

One: Guide us by the wisdom of the cross,

All: and show us how to live a life of justice, love and blessedness.

Amen

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 84 (NRSV)

¹How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

²My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

³Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

⁴Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.

⁵Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

⁶As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools.

⁷They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

⁸O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob!

⁹Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed.

¹⁰For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness.

¹¹For the LORD God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor. No good thing does the LORD withhold from those who walk uprightly.

¹²O LORD of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

Prayer of Confession:

**God, we have not done what is blameless and right,
nor spoken truth from the heart with love.**

**We do not keep your word,
and when we participate in gossip,
our words and deeds cause pain.**

**Forgive us by the power of your mercy,
that we might stand in the goodness of Christ and walk in the light of his
love. Amen**

Assurance of Pardon

Time with Children

Passing of the Peace

Scripture Reading:

Matthew 5:1-12 (NRSV)

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: ³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they will

receive mercy. ⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Sermon "Bad Attitudes or Beatitudes?" Katie Howe

Special music *Blest Are They* D. Haas

Prayer Concerns and Celebrations

Doxology *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness* K. Manley
insert

Offering dedication

Benediction

All are invited to gather outside on the terrace and lawn, where we will sing these selections, which may be found on your bulletin music insert.

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

African American Spiritual

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

P. Scholtes

Sung Benediction *Bind Us Together* B. Gillman

Welcome to

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United Church of Christ



*An Open & Affirming Congregation and
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