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**ST. JOHN**  
**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Our mission is to worship and serve God  
in our church, community, and the world.



**Luke 6:17-26**  
**“Happy are those . . .”**

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## Welcome and Announcements

- THE BELLS CALL US INTO SILENT REVERENCE.
- THE CANDLES ARE LIT TO LIGHT OUR WAY INTO WORSHIP

PRELUDE: **"We're Marching to Zion"** Mark Hayes

**\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

One: Jesus, healer, draws crowds poor and rich,  
fragile, troubled, hope-filled:

**MANY: He heals them all.**

One: Jesus, teacher, draws crowds of neighbors and  
foreigners, the pious and the curious,

**MANY: He teaches them all.**

One: Jesus, leader, draws crowds hoping for a rallying  
cry, a slogan, a catchphrase of power,

**MANY: He surprises them all with beatitudes instead.**

One: Let us welcome the One who leads us deeply  
into the generous power of the Reign of God,  
where healing, wisdom, and blessing await!

**\*OPENING HYMN: NCH 379**

**"Come, We Who Love God's Name-"**

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION:**

**Jesus, Healer, teacher, leader break in to our  
busy lives today and draw us to yourself. Open our  
lives to receive all that you have to offer, a healing  
touch, an enlightening word, a call to do your work of  
justice in the world. Shake up our lives so that we may  
enter Your reign of beatitudes,  
where the poor are fed,  
the excluded are welcomed,  
the sorrowing consoled and**

**the lost find a home among us.  
In your holy name we pray. Amen!**

**\*GLORIA: #759**

**Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit,  
Three-in-One; As it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen. Amen.**

**FIRST TESTAMENT READING: Jeremiah 17:5-10  
Lay Liturgist**

**RESPONSIVE PSALM READING: Psalm 1 Page 621**

**EPISTLE LESSON: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 Lay Liturgist**

**TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL:**

**\*GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 6:17-26  
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.  
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**SERMON:**

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE: "Blest Are They" (insert)**

**INSTALLATION OF CHURCH COUNCIL AND OFFICERS:  
(On screen)**

**PASTORAL PRAYER: beginning with silent personal prayer**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your  
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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**PRAYER RESPONSE: NCH 774**

**Shepherd lead, lead me in your righteousness  
Make your way plain before my face,  
For it is you, God, you, God only,  
who makes me to lie down in safety.**

**INVITATION TO SHARING:**

Luke's Beatitudes:--Blessings and Woes—reverse all the conventional wisdom and certainty about “How things just are!” in our world. Let's offer our gifts generously today, to tip the balance in favor of abundant life.

**OFFERTORY: “Meditation on ‘Blessed Assurance’”**

Stewart Landon

**\*DOXOLOGY: # 780**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, you heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION:**

**God who calls us to participate in your vision of justice for our world,**

**Let these offerings become our response:**

**all your people fed,  
all your people safe,  
all your people housed,  
all your people educated. Amen.**

**\*SENDING HYMN: NCH 454**

**“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”**

**\*UNISON BENEDICTION:**

**Let us go forth rejoicing, working with God to create a reality of beatitude, where hunger is no more, sorrow is comforted, and justice is known far and wide.**

**Amen.**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE: Three-fold Amen**

**Amen, Amen, Amen**

**\*POSTLUDE: “The Royal Banners” James Mansfield**