

Living a Life of Beatitude

March 12

Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit

March 19

Blessed Are Those Who Mourn

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Blessed Are the Meek

April 2

**Blessed Are Those Who Hunger
and Thirst for Righteousness**

April 9

Blessed Are the Pure in Heart

Lent 2025

Wednesday Worship

5:30 p.m.

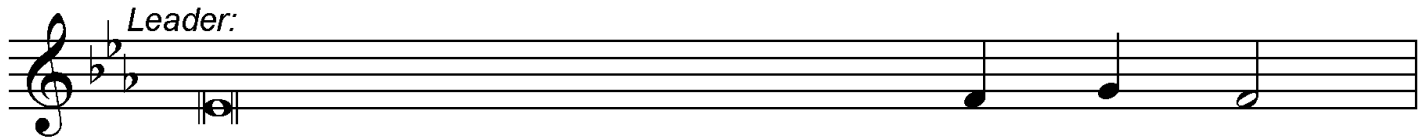
GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

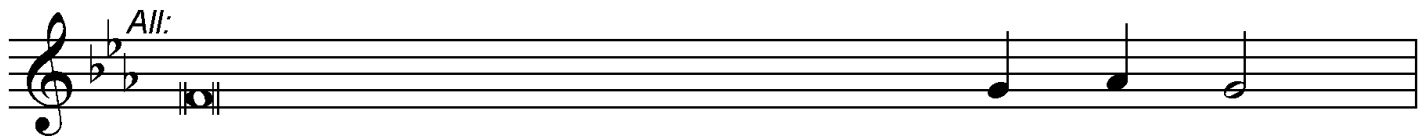
SERVICE OF LIGHT

Leader:



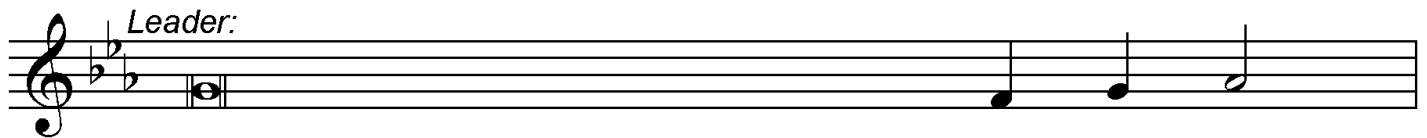
Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world;

All:



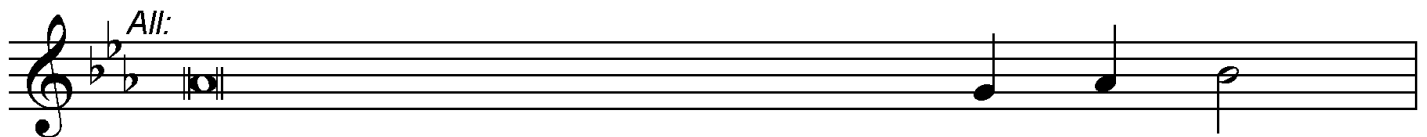
the light no darkness can o - ver come;

Leader:



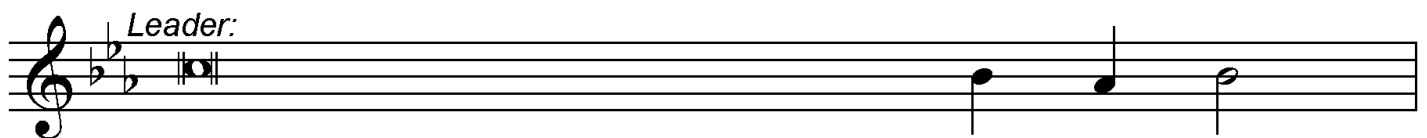
Stay with us now, for it is evening;

All:



and the day is al - most over.

Leader:



Let your light scat - ter the darkness,

All:

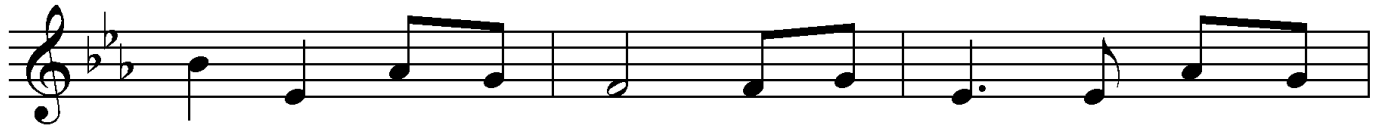


and shine within your people here. _____

EVENING HYMN



All:
 1. Joy - ous light of heav - 'nly glo - ry, lov - ing
 2. In the stars that grace the dark - ness, in the
 3. You who made the heav - en's splen - dor, ev - 'ry



glow of God's own face, you who sing cre - a - tion's
 blaz - ing sun of dawn, of the light of peace and
 danc - ing star of night, make us shine with gen - tle



sto - ry, shine on ev - 'ry land and race. Now as
 wis - dom, we can hear your qui - et song. Love that
 jus - tice, let us each re - flect your light. Might - y



eve - ning falls a - round us, we shall raise our songs to
 fills the night with won - der, love that warms the wea - ry
 God of all cre - a - tion, gen - tle Christ who lights our



you, God of day break, God of shad - ows, come and
 soul, Love that bursts all chains a - sun - der, set us
 way, Lov - ing Spir - it of sal - va - tion, lead us



light our hearts a - new. _____
 free and make us whole. _____
 on to end - less day. _____

Leader: May God be with you all, *All:* and al - so with you;

Leader: Let us sing our thanks to _____ God,

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

EVENING THANKSGIVING

Blessed are you, Creator of the universe—from old you have led your people by night and day. May the light of your Christ make our darkness bright, for your Word and your presence are the light of our pathways, and you are the light and life of all creation.

All: A - - - - - men

PSALMODY - "ROUND"

Let my prayer rise up like in-cense be - fore you, the

lift - ing up of my hands as an of - fer - ing to you. _____

Left-hand side

— O God, I call to you, come to me

Right-hand side

O God, I

now; O hear my voice when I cry to you.

call to you, come to me now; O hear my voice when I

— Let my prayer rise up like in-cense be - fore you, the

cry to you. Let my prayer rise up like in-cense be -

lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to you.

fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to

— Keep watch with - in me, God; deep in my heart may the light of your

you. Keep watch with - in me, God; deep in my

love be burn - ing bright. _____ Let my prayer rise
heart may the light of your love be burn - ing bright.

up like in-cense be - fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an
Let my prayer rise up like in-cense be - fore you, the lift-ing up of my

of-fer-ing to you. _____ All praise to the God of all- Cre-
hands as an of-fer-ing to you. All

a - tor of life; all praise be to Christ and the Spir - it of love. _____
praise to the God of all- Cre - a - tor of life; all praise be to Christ and the

— Let my prayer rise up like incense be - fore you, the
Spir-it of love. Let my prayer rise up like in-cense be -



lift-ing up of my hands as an offering to you.

fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an offering to you.

May our prayers come before you, O God, as incense, and may your presence surround and fill us, so that in union with all creation, we might sing your praise and your love in our lives.

Amen.

WORD

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Living a Life of Beatitude: Lenten Wednesday Worship, 2025

Inspired by Matthew 5, and Dietrich Bonhoeffer, C. S. Lewis, Paul Tillich, Desmond Tutu, and Edith Stein.

Matthew 5: 1-9 “When Jesus[a] saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2 And 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.

ANNUNCIATION AND MAGNIFICAT

An angel went from God to a town called Nazareth to a woman whose name was Mary. The angel said to her, "Rejoice, O highly favored, for God is with you. You shall bear a child, and his name shall be Jesus, the Chosen One of God Most high." And Mary said, "I am the servant of my God, I live to do your will."



1.3. My soul pro-claims your great-ness O God, and my
2. You have cast the might - y down from their thrones, and up-



spi-rit re - joic-es in you. You have looked with love on your
lift-ed the hum-ble of heart. You have filled the hun - gry with



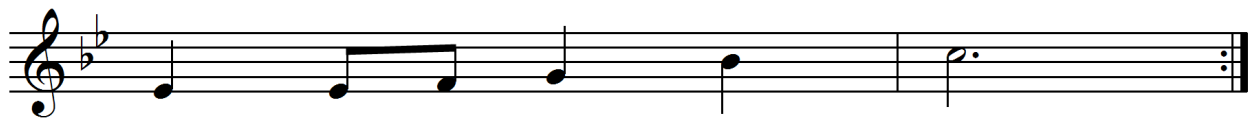
ser - vant here, and blessed me all my life through.
won-drous things and left the wealth-y no part.



Great and might-y are you, O Ho - ly One, strong is your kind-ness
Great and might-y are you, O Faith-ful One, strong is your jus-tice,



ev - er - more. How you fa - vor the weak and low-ly one,
strong your love, As you promised to Sar - ah and A-bra-ham,



hum - bling the proud of heart.
kind - ness for - ev - er more.

LITANY AND PRAYERS

Refrain

All

Watch, O Lord, with all those a -
wake this night. Watch, O Lord, with all those who
weep. Give your an - gels and saints
charge ov - er all who sleep

Verses

Assisting Minister

All

Assisting Minister

1 Tend your ail - ing ones: in your love, Lord. Rest your
2 Soothe your suf - fring ones: Heal af -
3 Hold your griev - ing ones: Raise your
4 Guard your lit - tle ones: Guide your
wea - ry ones: in your love, Lord Bless your
flict - ed ones: Shield your
fall - en ones: Mend your
search - ing ones: Grant us
dy - ing ones: in your love, O Lord of all.
joy - ous ones:
bro - ken ones:
all your peace:

To Refrain

Great and merciful God, Source and Ground of all goodness and life, give to your people the peace that passes all understanding, and the will to live your Gospel of mercy and justice, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

God, remember us in your love and teach us to pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your Kingdom come: your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread, Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Amen

SENDING


FINAL BLESSING

Leader: All:



Let us bless our God: praise and thanks to you.

Leader:



May God, Cre - a - tor bless us and keep us, may

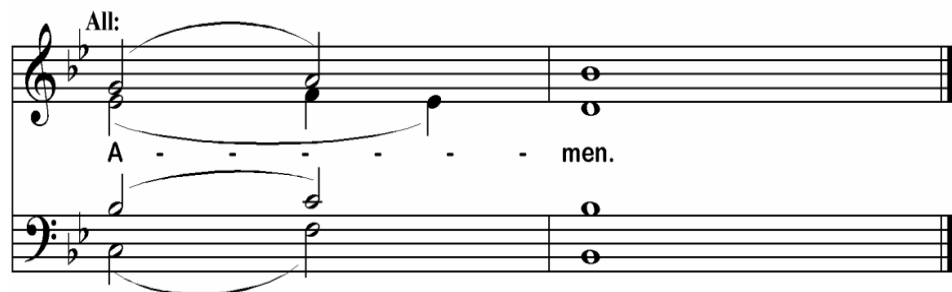


Christ be ev - er light for our lives, may the Spir - it of Love be our



guide and path, for all of our days. _____

All:



A - - - - - men.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

POSTLUDE

MARCH 12, 2025

Blessed Are the Poor In Spirit (Matthew 5:3)

Reflection Inspired by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

- **Scripture Reading:** Matthew 5:1-3
- **Reflection:** Bonhoeffer, in *The Cost of Discipleship*, writes, "The only man who has the right to say that he is justified by grace alone is the man who has left all to follow Christ." To be "poor in spirit" is to recognize our absolute dependence on God. True discipleship requires surrendering all self-reliance and embracing God's grace fully. In our humility, we open ourselves to the richness of God's kingdom.

Questions for Meditation: What does it mean to let go of self-reliance? How does humility open us to God's grace?

Responsive Prayer: Leader: Lord, you call the poor in spirit blessed.

People: Teach us to rely not on our strength but on your grace.

Leader: You ask us to surrender our pride and embrace humility.

People: Give us the courage to trust in your provision.

Leader: Blessed are those who seek you with open hearts.

People: May we find your kingdom in our weakness.

WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

"The Old Rugged Cross"

Dwight Tilford

READINGS

Matthew 5:1-3

¹ When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God

REFLECTION

Pastor Garrett Struessel

Worship continues with the Annunciation and Magnificat on p. 8

Music Leader	Connie Manley
Usher	Bob Henderson
	Holly Keenan
Reader	Sally Campbell
Pianist	Joyce Crozier