

## Prelude

### **Please rise in body or spirit for the Call to Worship**

**Jesus called together the disciples and a great multitude to a level place.  
There he touched, healed, and taught.  
There he spoke, "Blessed are..."  
There he named the blessed—the saints of the faith.**

O God, call us together as your blessed people, as you called those so long ago.

### **Today, in this place, Christ gather us.**

Let us remember, confess, celebrate, and embody the blessed saints of God. Christ, come among us. Alleluia!

### **Hymn \*172**

Blest Are They

**do not say join me as you say this by yourself**

### **Call to Confession**

**Let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. The grace of God flows freely here. With penitence and faith, let us confess our sin, first responsively and then in silence.**

### **Prayer of Confession**

**Blessed are we when we let go of possessions  
for the kingdom of God unfolds in open places.**

Woe to us when we gather into barns  
for soon this life will be over.

**Blessed are we who know the ache of hunger  
for the empty places in body and soul are the fertile soil for new growth.**

Woe to us who fill our lives to capacity  
for we fail to recognize what is missing.

**Blessed are we who know sorrow  
for the ache of love lost is witness to the seed planted.**

Woe to us who have yet to know the pain of grief  
for the fullness of love is woven with sorrow.

**Blessed are we who know scorn  
for the rejection of humans keeps us mindful of that beyond.**

Woe to us who depend on the approval of others  
for to dance with Spirit appears foolish.

**Blessed are we who live in the harmony of life in the Spirit,**

For we will recognize abundance. Amen.

**Silent Prayers of Confession**

**wait 45 -60 seconds**

**Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace & The Sharing of the Peace**

**Brothers and sisters, siblings in Christ, our sins are forgiven by the faith of  
Jesus Christ, who chose love over hatred and forgiveness over blame. Rejoice  
and be glad, for God's mercy is great. Through God's beloved Son, we are  
forgiven. Thanks be to God. And now, let us share the grace we have received,  
passing the peace and greeting one another.  
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.**

And also with you.

**Announcements**

**\*Hymn 749 Come! Live in the Light**

**Time with the Children**

**Anthem**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Open our** understanding with the power of the Holy Spirit, so as the Word  
is proclaimed, we may receive holy wisdom and see blessing where you  
offer it. Amen.

**Scripture: Matthew 5:1-20**

**Liturgist is done at this point**

**Sermon**

**Offering**

**\*Doxology**

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

**\*Hymn 753      Make Me a Channel of Your Peace**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**