

May 29 Worship Service

Welcome

Call to Worship (inspired by Matthew 5:3-12, Luke 6:20-22)

Blessed are we

when our treasures cannot be quantified.

Blessed are we

when our knowledge is tempered by mystery.

Blessed are we

when our pain is held in the balm of love.

Blessed are we

when our delight comes from beyond ourselves.

Children of the King, citizens of His Kingdom:
this Jesus who has turned our world upside-down
Invites us to see the world through his eyes
now-- during this time of worship--
and for all the days he gives us to live
as his people in his world.

Amen! We are people of unexpected blessings!

Song: O Come To the Altar

God's Greeting

We Greet Each Other

Song: Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet

Seek Ye First

Confession

God of life and of truth,
we have signed on to follow your Son
but this is strange territory.
It doesn't look anything like
the life we have been taught to yearn for,
to work for,
to believe will bring us happiness.

Yet, You know that despair and fear
haunt many of us.
You hear the cries of those who
are caught in lives that
lead only to weariness and anxiety.

Set us at Jesus' feet
so we can learn to judge our lives differently.
Awaken in us that hunger and thirst for you
which will lead us to your will
and your peace.

Open our eyes to see your unexpected blessings.

Open our hearts to welcome you

when you come to us in strange ways.

**Then make us into a community of blessedness
that beckons others into your joy.**

Song: Just As I Am (Jesus Take All of Me)

Assurance:

Friends, hear this Good News: the love of God is beyond measure, and you are included in that love. Know that you are forgiven and thus freed to love and serve.

Alleluia! Amen!

Installation of Office Bearers

Song: The Same Love

Children's Blessing

Prayer of Illumination

Reading of Scripture: Matthew 5:1-12

Sermon: Sermon on the Mount: Unexpected Blessings

Song: The Blessing

Congregational Prayer

Offering

Offertory: Blessings (Laura Story)

God's Parting Blessing

Song: Build Your Kingdom Here