

Blest Are They

Let us be as open vessels that God's spirit may enter.

The Community Gathers: Experience God's presence in the assembly. Please greet one another with joy and welcome new friends into our community of love.

You are welcome here...come and worship!

9:55 Preparation for worship:

Focus:

"Blessed are the single-hearted, for they shall enjoy much peace. If you refuse to be hurried and pressed, if you stay your soul on God, nothing can keep you from that clearness of spirit which is life and peace. In that stillness you will know what God's will is." — Amy Carmichael

"Blessed are they who see beautiful things in humble places where other people see nothing" — Camille Pissarro

"Blessed are the hearts that can bend; they shall never be broken." — Albert Camus

Gathering Music: *Keep Me Near* (by Rend Collective) —Michelle Currie

Welcome:

Call To Worship:

Leader: Jesus, Teacher, your teaching surprises us.

People: Not the world's wisdom, but God's.

Leader: You move us with sorrow for the sorrow of the world

People: And make us strong through our tears.

Leader: You offer us humility to admit our failures

People: And plant seeds of hope in the ashes.

Leader: You make us hungry for justice

People: And give us food that lasts.

Leader: You invite us to practice what we preach

People: And offer joy in that challenge.

Leader: You support us in standing firm for truth, even when it costs

People: And promise the truth will make us free. Amen

Opening Hymn: Blest Are They

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Invocation:

God of our lives, you are always turning the world upside down, calling us to follow you into new ventures, new challenges, new ways to care, new ways to touch the hearts of all. When we get tired, or feel disappointed, remind us that you can bring change and hope out of the most difficult situations, so that we may do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with you always. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Awakening: *Jesus* (by Chris Tomlin) —Michelle Currie

Message for the children and the child in each of us:

Scripture Reading: Micah 6:1-8 Matthew 5:1-12 —Anne Murray
After the reading, you may respond, "Thanks be to God."

Meditation: Rev. Paula Norbert

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Words of Invitation The Bread and The Cup
Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Meditation Music: *Taste and See* (James s E. Moore Jr.)
—Michelle Currie

Musical call to Prayer: (two times) Hush now in quiet peace, be still your mind at ease. The Spirit brings release, so wait upon the Lord.

Prayers of the People

Silent Prayers Pastoral Prayer

Offertory: God has led us to this place to heal and inspire us, to gently redirect us, until we see the world as God does and love it with God's love. With our gifts, we affirm that God's generosity can make

us all into a new creation by the way we give of ourselves.

Offertory: *Fix Me Jesus* (Traditional Arr. by Mervyn Warren)
-Michelle Currie

Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above ye heavenly hosts, Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication:

Children's Sharing Time:

Closing Hymn: Blest Be the Tie That Binds
Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

Benediction:

As you have learned wisdom—go and teach!
As you have been fed, go to feed the hungry.
As you have been set free, go to set free the imprisoned.
As you have heard – proclaim.
And the blessing which you have received
from the Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit
be always with you. **Amen.**

Postlude: Go In Peace...

Go in peace and the peace of God be with you this day.
Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always.
celebrate and share the joy. Celebrate new life.
Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always.

Great thanks to Michelle Currie, our Music Director.

Union Church

...a place of peace and Presence by the sea



Teaching Wisdom

You are welcome here
February 2, 2020 – 10:00 A.M.