

Sunday, February 1, 2026 – 9:30 am
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

TODAY'S FOCUS: BLESSINGS. Are we among the blessed? Are we overlooking others who are blessed? Of all these blessings, which is the most surprising?

PRELUDE — Brendan Krueger

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — Lin

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST — Lin

OPENING HYMN UMH #711 “For All the Saints” (vs. 1, 2, 3, 4)

1. For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
Who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.

REFRAIN: Alleluia, Alleluia!

2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. REFRAIN

3. O may thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
And win with them the victor's crown of gold. REFRAIN

4. O Blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. REFRAIN

CALL TO WORSHIP — Rusty Goetz

One: From shore to shore —

Many: Let God's praise be sung.

One: From mountains high to valleys low —

Many: Let the echo of praise resound.

One: From the mouths of children and the prayers of all —

Many: Let thanksgiving abound.

One: For great is our God —

Many: And greatly to be praised!

OPENING PRAYER — Lin

HYMN

TFWS #2233 “Where Children Belong”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE — Lin

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 5:1-12 — Rusty Goetz

¹ When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² Then 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. ¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹ Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

MESSAGE

“The Blessed Ones”

Rev. Lin Cheek

RESPONSIVE HYMN TFWS #2155 “Blest Are They”

1. Blest are they, the poor in spirit, theirs is the kingdom of God
Blest are they, full of sorrow, they shall be consoled

REFRAIN: Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the Kingdom of God!

2. Blest are they, the lowly ones, they shall inherit the earth
Blest are they, who hunger and thirst, they shall have their fill. **REFRAIN**

3. Blest are they who show mercy, Mercy shall be theirs
Blest are they, the pure of heart, They shall see God. **REFRAIN**

4. Blest are they who seek peace, they are the children of God
Blest are they who suffer in faith, the glory of God is theirs. **REFRAIN**

5. Blest are you who suffer hate all because of me
Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom, shine for all to see. **REFRAIN**

OFFERTORY — Brendan Krueger

DOXOLOGY

UMH #94

PRAYER OF DEDICATION — Rusty Goetz

ALL: Gracious God, you have been so generous to all of us. We ask that you accept these gifts in return and bless them that they may promote peace and good will among all your people. We pray in the name of your son Jesus Christ. Amen.

COMMUNION THANKSGIVING — Lin & Rusty

One: The Lord be with you

Many: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: It is right to give our thanks and praise to you ... we sing your unending hymn of praise:

All: Holy you are, holy you were, and holy you shall be. Blessed are you, Jesus Christ.

One: Whom the world makes poor,

Many: you make blessed.

One: Whom the world starves,

Many: you deliver a banquet,

One: even now, and forever ... Offering both to the disciples, he said,

Many: "This is my body, broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

One: We do remember ... pray all this in the name of the one who taught us to pray, saying:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

INVITATION — Lin

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

In the United Methodist Church, all are welcome to share in Communion, and all means all.

Please come forward when invited by the usher and eat the bread, then drink the cup. For the

convenience of all, we use non-alcoholic grape juice and also provide gluten free wafers. When

you return to your seat, please take time to pray for those on the prayer list in the bulletin. If you

would prefer to receive communion in the pew, please let the usher know and the elements will be brought to you.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ALL: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

UMH #77 "How Great Thou Art" (verses 1, 2, 3)

1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

REFRAIN: Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!
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2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze; **REFRAIN**

3. And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin; **REFRAIN**

BENEDICTION — Lin

POSTLUDE — Brendan Krueger

Prelude/Postlude—Brendan Krueger

Offertory— Brendan Krueger

Organ — Betsy Foushee

Liturgist —Rusty Goetz

Accomp.— Brendan Krueger

Song Leader — Shelly Anderson

Violin — Rae Ann Norell

Children's Message— Lin