

Sunday Worship

February 1, 2026 10:00 am

**Denotes Standing, in body and/or spirit*

Worship Theme: The Beatitudes

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "Song 13" Steven Scott

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Anita Stabler-Hussey

***Call to Worship (Responsively)** Psalm 15 Leader

Leader: O Lord, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?

People: Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and speak the truth from their heart;

Leader: who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends,

People: nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;

Leader: in whose eyes the wicked are despised,

People: but who honor those who fear the Lord; who stand by their oath even to their hurt;

Leader: who do not lend money at interest, and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

People: Those who do these things shall never be moved.

***Opening Hymn** "Be Thou My Vision" UMH #451

***Opening Prayer (Unison)** Leader
Heavenly Father, we come today for fellowship, for worship, and to be reminded of your presence in our lives. We thank you for the sanctuary that you provide in this place. May your hedge of protection create a sacred space where we can commune with you. You've already provided. You've already done the work. Free us from the burden of having to bring anything to the table other than ourselves. May our lives reflect those who *do justice, love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God*. May we meet you at your table today. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Offering the Peace of Christ

CHOIR ANTHEM

"Come Now and Follow Me"

Nancy Price
Don Besig

A Time for Children of All Ages

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson: [Micah 6:1-8](#) (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

***Gospel Lesson:** [Matthew 5:1-12](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: Thanks be to God!

Message "Blessed!" Pastor Chuck

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns Pastoral Prayer

***Doxology** The Offering of our Gifts

Offering Prayer (Unison) a UMCM Angel

Gracious God, You love us and long to supply all we need to live according to Your will. Thank you for all the blessings You make possible. We turn to you Lord to offer these gifts in Your name. Bless them. Make them fruitful. May they be evidence of Your message of love and compassion to those who need to know these truths. May our offering bring sustenance, help, and peace to those around us. Soften and open our hearts to be generous, merciful, and caring in every way we can. We pray that we will be like Jesus in all we do. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Giving of the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*Sending Hymn "Whatever You Do" WS #3128
(v. 1,4,5)

*Benediction

*Benediction Response "What Does the Lord
Require of You" TFWS #2174
(Sing refrain)

Postlude

Join Us for Coffee Hour

Coming Up:

February 8th. - for Sunday Worship Service @10am - Join us
LIVE or ONLINE as we resume our study of God's Word in Matthew
as Jesus drops some gems ([Matthew 5:13–20](#)) Be Salt & Light!

Join us Wednesday's @ 7:30am for

Wednesday-Wakeup Devotional & Fellowship



[Zoom Link](#)
(Live Meeting)

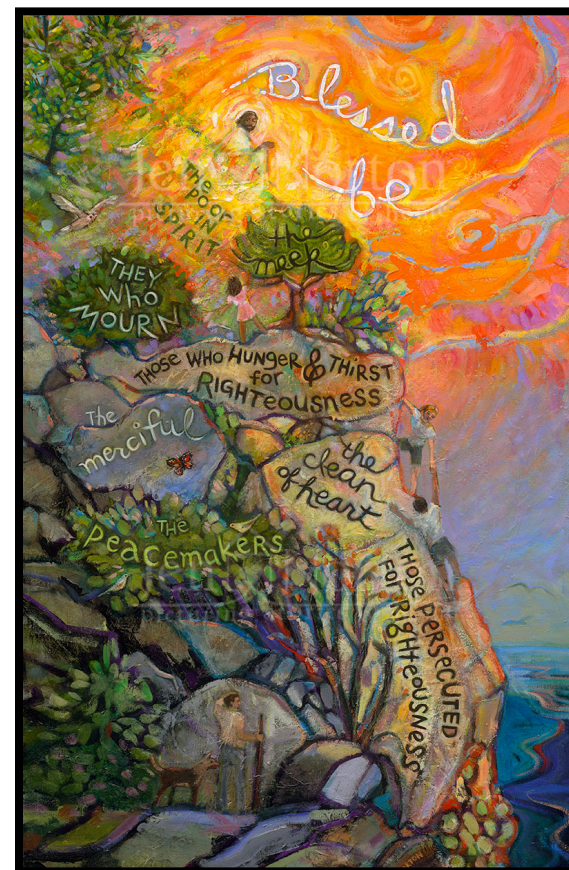


[YouTube \(https://bitly.com/WWakeup\)](https://bitly.com/WWakeup)
(Recorded Sessions)

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[Worship Livestream Zoom link:](#)



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