

Order of Worship: Sunday, March 23, 2025
8:30 and 11:00 AM Services of Worship
3rd Sunday in Lent

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. MaryAnn Piccioni, Associate Pastor

Prelude

Take Time to Be Holy

arr. C. Callahan

Lighting of the Candles

Acolytes

*** Call to Worship**

Lynne Quimby Pennock and Congregation

In Matthew's gospel, Jesus went up the mountain and called the disciples
and a great multitude. 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 you did those so long ago to discover your blessed people.

Today, in this place, Christ gather us.

Sydney D. Fowler, adpt.

***Opening Hymn**

Christ for the World We Sing

UMH 568

***Prayer of Confession**

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Lord Jesus, you taught us that in Your kingdom,

"Blessed are the poor in spirit" — but we have been rich in pride.

"Blessed are those who mourn" —but we have not known much sorrow for our sin.

"Blessed are the meek" —but we are rebellious by nature.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness" —

but we have great desire for evil and little longing for Your true goodness.

"Blessed are the merciful" —but we are harsh and impatient.

"Blessed are the pure in heart" —but we have impure hearts.

"Blessed are the peacemakers" —but we have not sought reconciliation.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness" —

but our lives do not challenge the world. "

"Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you
and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me" —
but we have hardly made it known that we are yours.

Lord, have mercy on us and forgive us all of our sins. Renew us and lead us
by your Holy Spirit so that we may seek first your kingdom
and Your righteousness and walk joyfully in the way of Your blessing. "

David Bostrom

Response

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

UMH 402, vs. 3

***Passing of the Peace**

Missions Moment (8:30) Capital Area Justice Ministries Ryan Kline

Morning Prayer/The Lord's Prayer Mac Martin

Anthem (11:00) *The Gospel Train* arr. B. Harlan Covenant Chancel Choir

Children's Chat Leslie Scott, Director of Children and Family Ministries

The Offering

Offering Prayer

Offertory

***Doxology**

Change My Heart, O God E. Espinosa

Rev. Piccioni
Madison Riley
UMH 95

Scripture Matthew 5:1-12 Lynne Quimby Pennock

Sermon "The World's Most Important Sermon" Rev. MaryAnn Piccioni

Closing Hymn *Seek Ye First* UMH 405

Sending Forth Rev. Piccioni

Postlude *Postlude on 'Nettleton'* S. Metzger

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