

SUNDAY WORSHIP

10:30am • Sunday September 22, 2024

Mission Statement: As a community of faith, we welcome all who seek understanding. • As a community of hope, we offer friendship and comfort to those in need. • As a community of love, we provide caring support and shared fellowship to all.

WE ARE A COMMUNITY CHURCH. OUR FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS AND MEMBERS COME FROM MANY PLACES AND MULTIPLE FAITH TRADITIONS. EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO FIND A SPIRITUAL SANCTUARY HERE.

— ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASSING the PEACE —

— WELCOME —

CENTERING MUSIC

Sharon Novak

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Adapted from Katherine Hawker
Based on Matthew 5:3-12, Luke 6:20-22*

One: Happy are we

People: *When our treasures cannot be quantified.*

One: Happy are we

People: *When our knowledge is tempered by mystery.*

One: Happy are we

People: *When our pain is held in the balm of love.*

All: *Happy are we,
when our delight comes from beyond ourselves.*

SONG #23

We Gather Together

Sharon Novak

— PRAYING —

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

LORD'S PRAYER — 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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and glory forever. *Amen.*

— REFLECTING —

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5: 3-12

- 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 the sake of righteousness, 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.

REFLECTION

BEATTITUDES:

BLESSINGS

Rev Gail Doktor

SONG [INSERT]

Be Not Afraid

Sharon Novak

— OFFERING —

*SONG #44

Doxology

Sharon Novak

PRAYER of DEDICATION

— CLOSING —

*BENEDICTION

May the love of God live in us today,

May the love of God live in us today.

May the warmth we feel within us show in all we do and say.

May the love of God live in us today.

May the peace of God be with us today,

May the peace of God be with us today.

May it guide us and protect us as we go our separate ways.

May the peace of God be with us,

May the love of God live in us,

May the love of God shine through us today.

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE: *For* PEOPLE

New names this week:

Continuing prayers: Annie, Allan, Anjali, Annie, Arden, Alexis, Barbara, Bob, Cal, Carl, Cindi, Cheryl, Corey, Deb, Darlene, Dean, Don, Ed, Emmie, George, Heath, Karen, Jan, Jean, Joe, Joan, John, John H., Joyce, Jonathan, Judy, Kathy, Ken (KC), Ian, Irene, Laurie, Marcia, Matteo, Mary, Maureen, Meg, Michelle, Parker, Petros, Phaedra, Robert G., Sarah, Scamp, Spencer Elizabeth, Tom, Rob, Robert, Val, Wayne, Lori's niece & nephew, Dawson's sister, the Stam family.

For those in need of the essentials of life: dignity, work, education, food, water, shelter, freedom of thought and expression and belief and self-direction, sense of belonging and purpose, a place to call home. For people with new diagnosis, undergoing treatment, seeking healing and recovery in body, mind or spirit. For those with cognitive, mental, and emotional challenges and changes. For those holding vigil until the end of life, and for those who are grieving.

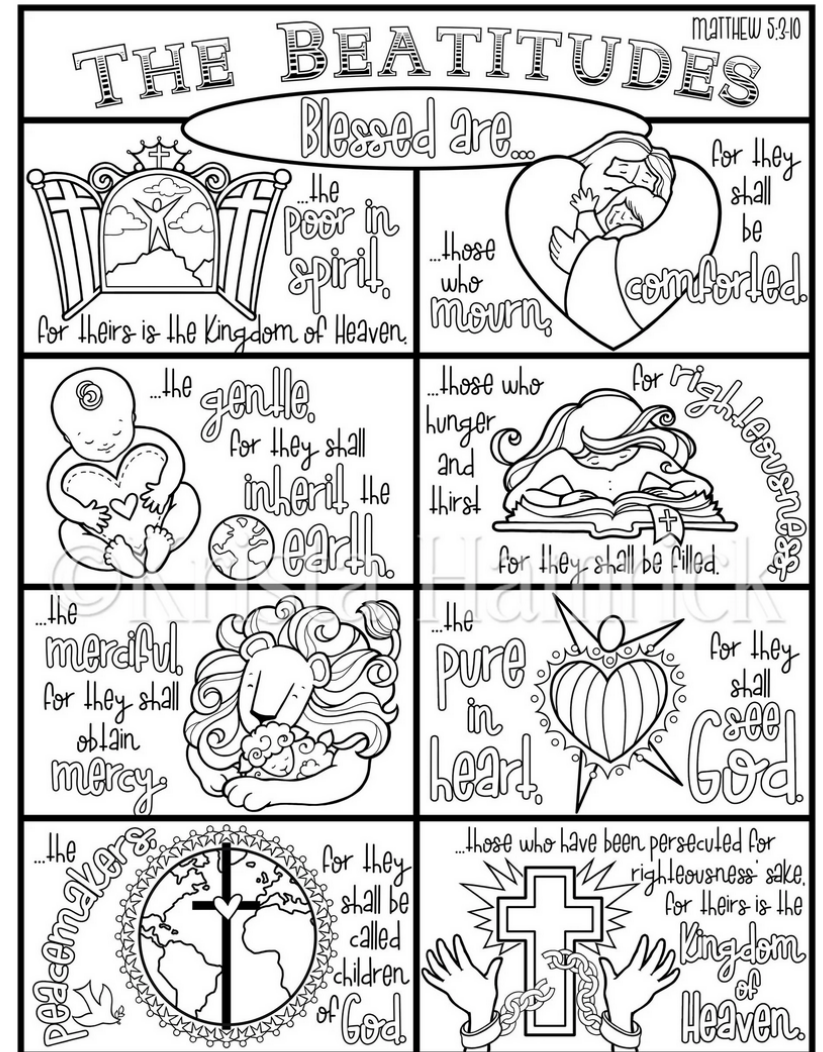
For those serving in the military and for their families. For those in caring roles and professions. For emergency responders: firefighters, police, EMTs and ambulance, medical health, social health, and mental health, disaster relief, crisis intervention, and others. For those in leadership positions making choices that affect other people.

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE: *For* PLACES

For climate-related occurrences around the world. For places affected by natural disasters: earthquakes, floods, fires, droughts, famine, eruptions, storms and other phenomena. For places struggling with conflict, systemic oppression, or violence such as Israel, Gaza, Palestine, and the Ukraine. For places with which we have partnership, including Chikanga Church in Mutare, Zimbabwe and communities in Honduras.

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BE NOT AFRAID — lyrics by Bob Dufford

You shall cross the barren desert
 but you shall not die of thirst
 You shall wander far in safety
 though you do not know the way
 You shall speak your words in foreign lands
 and all will understand
 You shall see the face of God and live

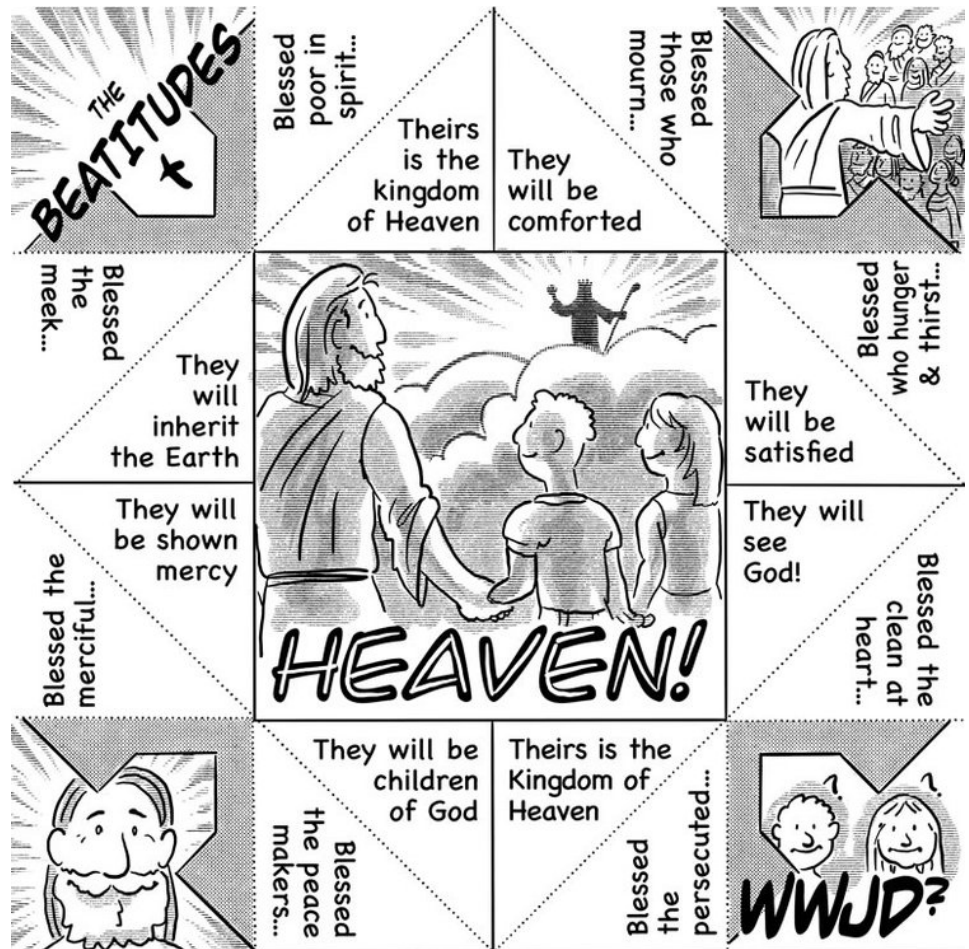
*Refrain: Be not afraid, I go before you always
 Come follow me and I will give you rest*

If you pass through raging waters
 in the sea you shall not drown
 If you walk amidst the burning flames
 you shall not be harmed
 If you stand before the power of hell
 and death is at your side
 Know that I am with you through it all

*Refrain: Be not afraid, I go before you always
 Come follow me and I will give you rest*

Blessed are the poor,
 for the Kingdom shall be theirs
 Blessed are you that weep and mourn
 for one day you shall laugh
 And if wicked men insult and hate you
 all because of me
 Blessed, blessed are you

*Refrain: Be not afraid, I go before you always
 Come follow me and I will give you rest*



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2. Fold 1 corner to the center.
3. Fold other corners.
4. Flip over.
5. Fold 1 corner to the center.
6. Fold other corners.
7. Fold along middle on both directions.
8. Insert fingers into pockets.

