

Celebration of Worship

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 12, 2017

9:30 A.M.

We welcome you to worship. We are glad that you are here! Nursery and Preschool care is available if you need it. The Young and Young at Heart are welcomed to the front early on for a special time in the service. Please sign the Friendship Pads so that we can get to know you better, and join us for coffee in the Narthex after the service.

Verses for Contemplation *Matthew 5:5-6*

⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.” NRSV

⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.” NRSV

⁶“You’re blessed when you’ve worked up a good appetite for God. He’s food and drink in the best meal you’ll ever eat.”
The Message

God Invites Us to Worship

WELCOME

RINGING THE CHURCH BELL

PRELUDE *Salut d’Amour* Elgar

We Offer Praise

INVITATION TO WORSHIP *Adapted from Psalm 42*

Leader: We have gathered to be fed by God, to give God praise and hear of God’s never ending love for us. Do we really hunger and thirst for God?

**People: Just like a deer that craves streams of water,
my whole being craves you, God.
My whole being thirsts for God, for the Living God.
When will I come and see God’s face?**

Leader: God’s love and presence are continually with us.

**People: By day the Lord commands faithful love;
By night God’s song is with me –
A prayer to the God of my life.**

Leader: Beloved of God, hope in the Lord!

**People: We will again give God thanks –
Our saving Presence and our God.**

* Please stand, if you are able.

* HYMN *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart* # 521
Verses 1, 2, 4 and 5

* GOD’S BLESSING ON OUR WORSHIP

* PRAYER OF ADORATION

God Offers Grace and Forgiveness

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

GOD’S GRACE AND FORGIVENESS GRANTED

REDEDICATION

God Speaks with a Heart of Love

WORDS FOR THE YOUNG AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

Message *Dedicating Christmas Shoeboxes*

Prayer *(Children and Youth are dismissed for Sunday School.)*

PRAYER FOR GOD’S SPIRIT TO MOVE AMONG US

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *Psalm 1* p. 424

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON *Matthew 5:5-6* p. 785

SERMON *What’s Jesus Thinking?
Nobody wants to be meek;
Nobody wants to be ‘righteous.’*
Rev. Dr. Eileen Borduin Vanderzwan

We Respond in Re-Dedication

MORNING OFFERING

OFFERTORY *The Beatitudes* Avery & Marsh
Chancel Choir

O how blest are the poor in Spirit, theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.
And how blest are the sad and mournful, they’ll be consoled by God.
O how blest are the meek and humble, they will inherit the earth.
And how blest those who hunger for goodness, they all will feast with God.

Blest and happy we shall be! Listen to the Master’s Word!
Soon the Kingdom’s coming – watch and see: the Kingdom of the Lord!

O how blest are the mercy givers, mercy they will receive.
And how blest are the pure in heart, they surely will see God.

O how blest are the true peacemakers, they will be known as God’s children.
And how blest those who suffer for justice, they will be honored by God.

WE HONOR VETERANS

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS OF DEDICATION, PRAISE AND THANKS

* HYMN *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* # 260

God Sends Us Out to Serve

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* GOD'S BLESSING AS WE GO OUT TO SERVE

* SONG *My Friends, May You Grow in Grace* Insert & Screen

* POSTLUDE *Rigaudon* Campra

* PRAYER UNDER THE CROSS

Everyone is invited to prayer under the cross at the front of the Sanctuary.

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...Biblical meekness is quiet perseverance in the face of brute rage; it is our staunch refusal either to lay down in submission or to rise up in violence before those forces that oppress us.

In order to be meek, we need the strength of the One who calls us.

...Righteousness is first and foremost about relationship – about being right with God, about trusting more in God's time, God's ways, God's inscrutable wisdom more than our own.

From *What Jesus Meant: The Beatitudes and a Meaningful Life*
by Erik Kolbell