

**February 13, 2022**  
**Sanctuary Worship, 11:00AM**

Welcome to worship today!

Please remember to follow the directions of our ushers and wear appropriate facemasks at all times inside the building.



**Prelude**

*We invite you to enjoy the prelude as a time of quiet reflection, and to individually prepare your hearts for the worship of God.*

**Call to Worship**

Leader: God reveals himself not to the person who is self-sufficient or self-righteous,

**People: but to the one whose mind is open, whose will is receptive, and whose soul is humble.**

**All: In that spirit, let us come in worship before the Lord.**

**Hymn – *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross***

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God;  
all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

*UMH 298. Isaac Watts, Lowell Mason.*

**Prayer Time & Lord's Prayer**

*(To share your joys and concerns, please text them to Elias at 252-578-1090.)*

**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.**

**Choir Anthem – *Blest Are They***

Blest are they, the poor in spirit, theirs is the kingdom of God.

Blest are they, full of sorrow, they shall be consoled.  
Rejoice! and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you,  
Rejoice! and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

Blest are they, the lowly ones, they shall inherit the earth.  
Blest are they who hunger and thirst; they shall have their fill.  
Rejoice! and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you,  
Rejoice! and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

Blest are they who show mercy, mercy shall be theirs.  
Blest are they, the pure of heart, they shall see God!  
Rejoice! and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you,  
Rejoice! and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

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.  
Rejoice! and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you!  
Rejoice! and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

Blest are you who suffer hate, all because of me.  
Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom; shine for all to see.  
Rejoice! and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you!  
Rejoice! and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

David Haas, vocal arr. by David Haas and Michael Joncas. © 1986 G.I.A. Publications, Inc..

### **Scripture Lesson – Luke 6: 17-26**

Jesus came down from the mountain with them and stood on a large area of level ground. A great company of his disciples and a huge crowd of people from all around Judea and Jerusalem and the area around Tyre and Sidon joined him there. They came to hear him and to be healed from their diseases, and those bothered by unclean spirits were healed. The whole crowd wanted to touch him, because power was going out from him and he was healing everyone. Jesus raised his eyes to his disciples and said:

“Happy are you who are poor, because God’s kingdom is yours.

Happy are you who hunger now, because you will be satisfied.

Happy are you who weep now, because you will laugh.

Happy are you when people hate you, reject you, insult you, and condemn your name as evil because of the Human One. Rejoice when that happens! Leap for joy because you have a great reward in heaven. Their ancestors did the same things to the prophets.

But how terrible for you who are rich, because you have already received your comfort.

How terrible for you who have plenty now, because you will be hungry.

How terrible for you who laugh now, because you will mourn and weep.

How terrible for you when all speak well of you. Their ancestors did the same things to the false prophets.”

## **Message – What about the Woes?**

### **Prayer**

**O God, we have been recipients of the choicest blessings of heaven. We have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity. We have grown in numbers, wealth and power as no other nation has ever grown; but we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace, and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us; and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us. It behooves us, then, to humble ourselves before the offended Power, to confess our national sins, and to pray for clemency and forgiveness.**

—Abraham Lincoln, cited in *Between Heaven and Earth*, ed. Ken Gire (HarperSanFrancisco, 1997), 74.

### **Hymn – *Grace Alone***

Every promise we can make, every prayer and step of faith,  
every difference we will make is only by his grace.

Every mountain we will climb, every ray of hope we shine,  
every blessing left behind is only by his grace.

Grace alone which God supplies, strength unknown he will provide,  
Christ in us our Cornerstone; we will go forth in grace alone.

Every soul we long to reach, every heart we hope to teach,  
everywhere we share his peace is only by his grace.

Every loving word we say, every tear we wipe away,  
every sorrow turned to praise is only by his praise.

Grace alone which God supplies, strength unknown he will provide,  
Christ in us our Cornerstone; we will go forth in grace alone.

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## Blessing & Sending Out

## Forward to Share Our Offerings

## Out to Serve the Kingdom of God

The rosebud on the Common Thread worship table today celebrates the birth of Everett Jaymes Baker, born on January 4. Parents are Jayne & Garren Baker; grandparents are Roger & Jolene Miedema. Congratulations to the entire family!



### ***What to know this week ...***

***Remember our new Sunday worship schedule:***

*9:15AM Common Thread, Parking Lot and Patio worship*

*10:15AM Discipleship*

*11:00AM Sanctuary Worship*

***Food pantry needs this week:*** hearty soups (like Progresso or Chunky), 12 oz. boxes of cereal, pasta sauce (in cans or plastic jars), 1 lb. boxes of pasta/noodles, canned fruit, canned pasta with sauce (beefaroni, Spaghettios, or ravioli), jelly (plastic containers only). Thanks for your continued support!

***Raleigh SeniorTechEd*** will have an Open Help afternoon on Monday, February 14 at 1:00 pm in Room 12. Come and ask any questions you have about your technology (phones, tablets and computers) AND genealogy. You may submit your questions 1-2 days in advance when you register for the Help (online at [www.raleighseniorteched.org](http://www.raleighseniorteched.org)) and they'll have someone on hand to assist you! The cost is \$5.

***Coffee & Conversation*** will meet on Wednesday, February 16! Talk with Peggy Biggers to ask about the destination for this month's gathering!

***Wednesday, February 23, 2022, at 7:00 PM at St. Marks UMC (Raleigh)***

***ReFrame, ReFocus, ReTool for Resiliency:*** The Covid 19 pandemic has left many of us haunted by feelings of anxiety, despair, and anger. It has cultivated a loss of trust in the world as a safe place and has even permeated our life as communities of faith. Join this opportunity for learning and conversation as we gather to understand loss and grief and gain insights on how to tolerate ambiguity and acknowledge our resiliency. District Superintendent, Chris Brady, will lead this conversation based on his background as a pastor for 23 years and his work as a clinical social worker and practicing marriage and family psychotherapist. Chris also teaches on issues of depression and anxiety along with pastoral care at Duke Divinity School.