



6th Sunday After Epiphany
February 13, 2022

Prelude

Prelude on Welsh Tune

We are Called to Worship – Poor or despairing, come to be blessed. Hungry or tired, come to be restored. Sorrowing or sighing, come to discover joy. Bring your tired, your poor. Share your hopes, your dreams. Embrace your doubts, your fears. Come as you are. All are welcome here.~

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

You are welcome to send prayer requests to Pastor Sarah. Spend a few moments connecting with God and lifting up your prayers.

A Time of Prayer— O God of many blessings, be with us in our joy and in our sorrow. Help us to reach out with your love to those in need, that we may not be satisfied until all are fed. Bless each of us here, and all who cannot be present with us today. Shower your blessings on our worship, as we pray all this through Jesus the Christ, our teacher and our guide.+

The Lord's Prayer (unison)—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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

We Hear God's Word

Luke 6:17-26 (NRSV)

17 He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

20 Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

‘Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ ‘Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

‘Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

22 ‘Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴ ‘But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

²⁵ ‘Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

‘Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

26 ‘Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

Meditation

Noticing the Gap

We Respond to God's Word with Our Giving

Invitation—In these moments let us be mindful of the ways we have received God's blessing and let us give thanks. Let us give thanks with the words of our mouth, with praise in our hearts, with the offerings we bring this day. We bring our gifts that others, too, might know the blessing of God: the poor, the hungry, the ones who know sorrow, the ones who know hate. We bring our gifts because we know that our great God can work through them to do good things.

February Benevolence— Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) is the main offering we collect to support the work of our wider church family in the United Church of Christ. A portion of our offering goes directly to support the work of our denomination. One aspect of our denomination that this offering enhances is the work of Local Church Ministries, which helps to support those who have said “yes” to Christ’s call to serve in ministry. Your participation in this offering will help nurture the future of the church and its ministers.

You can mail your offerings to our office or give online at www.zionuccindy.net/donate

Doxology (Please sing the version that is most meaningful to you)

Traditional

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Inclusive

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit One. Amen.*

We Give Thanks— Blessed God, with these gifts, bring food to the hungry, hope to the despairing, and comfort to the sorrowful. Bless these gifts and our very lives, that we may be blessings of hope for your world.=

Hymn

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing, #68

We Are Sent Forth with a Blessing— Go to bring blessings. Go to be blessings. Go with joy, for we are blessed by God.~

Postlude

Trumpet Tune

+UCC Worship Ways. ~Scifres, Mary; Beu, B. J.. The Abingdon Worship Annual 2022 (p. 41). Abingdon Press. Kindle Edition.