

**Faith Church**  
**Order of Worship: 8:30 am Service**  
**September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

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**Welcome and Announcements**

**Proclamation of the Gospel**

L: God loves you; therefore, love and obey him.

**P: Christ died for us; therefore, we die to sin.**

L: Christ is risen; therefore, rise in the image of God.

**P: Christ lives evermore; therefore, we live to God until we live with him in glory.**

**Prelude**

**\*Call to Worship** (liturgist- Casey Cutlip)

L: Blessed are the poor in spirit, **P: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

L: Blessed are those who mourn, **P: for they shall be comforted.**

L: Blessed are the meek, **P: for they shall inherit the earth.**

L: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, **P: for they shall be satisfied.**

L: Blessed are the merciful, **P: for they shall receive mercy.**

L: Blessed are the pure in heart, **P: for they shall see God.**

L: Blessed are the peacemakers, **P: for they shall be called sons of God.**

L: Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, **P: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

L: Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

**P: Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.**

**\*Unison Prayer**

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\*Hymn-** UM Hymnal #369, *Blessed Assurance* (all)

## **LifeWise Moment**

**Scripture Reading:** Matthew 9:9-13

**Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**

## **Offering & Offertory**

**\*Doxology and Thanksgiving**

**\*Statement of Faith:** UM Hymnal #881, *The Apostles' Creed*

**\*Hymn:** UM Hymnal #371, *I Stand Amazed in the Presence* (all)

## **Prayer of Illumination**

L: As we hear and receive your Word today unify us, Lord.

**P: Make us one with Jesus Christ and perfect us in holiness.**

L: Make us one as your body in truthful witness to the world.

**P: Make us one and teach us to love one another as family in Christ.**

L: Make us one to shine the glory of Christ.

**P: Make us one so all will know that you sent your Son for the salvation of the world.**

L: Speak to us, Lord. We are waiting to hear from you.

**-Silence-**

L: A reading from the letter to the Romans chapter 12 verses 9-21.

**-Reading-**

L: The Word of God for the people of God.

**A: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon:** "Deploying the Gifts of the Spirit"

## **Communion**

**\*Hymn:** UM Hymnal #454, *Open My Eyes, That I May See* (all)

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**