



North Liberty First

A United Methodist Community of Faith

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Whether you are joining us in person or on-line,
know that we are here to journey along with you as we live into our mission: to follow and invite others to follow
Jesus Christ.

Prelude

Grace Notes

Deep River

Get on Board, Little Children

Remembering our Baptism

***Call to Worship**

Beloved, what worship does God desire of us?

To do justice, love kindness, and live humbly with God.

In our life together as the body of Christ, what worship does God desire of us?

To do justice, love kindness, and live humbly with God.

When we share the good news with all creation, what worship does God desire of us?

To do justice, love kindness, and live humbly with God.

Come, let us worship God with justice, kindness, and humility!

We come to worship God with our voices and our lives. Thanks be to God! Amen.

***Song**

I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord

***Song**

Heart of Worship

First Lesson

Micah 6:1-8

CEB

Word for Children

Second Lesson

Matthew 5:1-12

The Beatitudes

¹⁻² When Jesus saw his ministry drawing huge crowds, he climbed a hillside. Those who were apprenticed to him, the committed, climbed with him. Arriving at a quiet place, he sat down and taught his climbing companions. This is what he said:

³ “You’re blessed when you’re at the end of your rope.

With less of you there is more of God and his rule.

⁴ “You’re blessed when you feel you’ve lost what is most dear to you.

Only then can you be embraced by the One most dear to you.

⁵ “You’re blessed when you’re content with just who you are—no more, no less. That’s the moment you find yourselves proud owners of everything that can’t be bought.

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.

⁷ “You’re blessed when you care. At the moment of being ‘care-full,’ you find yourselves cared for.

⁸ “You’re blessed when you get your inside world—your mind and heart—put right. Then you can see God in the outside world.

⁹ “You’re blessed when you can show people how to cooperate instead of compete or fight. That’s when you discover who you really are, and your place in God’s family.

¹⁰ “You’re blessed when your commitment to God provokes persecution. The persecution drives you even deeper into God’s kingdom.

¹¹⁻¹² “Not only that—count yourselves blessed every time people put you down or throw you out or speak lies about you to discredit me. What it means is that the truth is too close for comfort and they are uncomfortable. You can be glad when that happens—give a cheer, even!—for though they don’t like it, *I* do! And all heaven applauds. And know that you are in good company. My prophets and witnesses have always gotten into this kind of trouble.

Message for the Lord’s Day

Rev. Deborah Coble

Special Music

I’m So Blessed

Prayers of the People

After each petition, there will be a pause for silent prayer.

After Pastor says “Lord in your mercy” ALL reply “hear our prayers.”

Together, let us pray for the people of this congregation...

for those who are suffering...

for those who don’t know where their next meal will come

from and those who are looking for shelter from the cold...

for our troops, police, EMTs, firefighters,

and others in harm’s way...

for the earth you have given to our care...

for the Church universal;

its leaders, its members, and mission...

for peace and goodwill to all...

Special Music

Courageous

Mission And Ministry Moment

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

***Doxology**

Blessed be God. Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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Blessed be His kingdom now and forever. Amen, Amen.

*** Prayer of Confession**

**Almighty and all-loving God, through your Son Jesus Christ
you have reconciled the world to yourself.**

**Help us now to be reconciled with one another,
that again we might dwell in the warmth of your love.**

**Inspire us with your Holy Spirit to put aside the cloak of pride and put on Christ, that we might
forgive and be forgiven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Sacrament of Holy Communion

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion! When you come forward to you will be given a piece of bread. You are invited to dip the bread into the cup and partake of it. Gluten free bread is available.

The 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 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.

***Prayer after Communion**

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Song Trading My Sorrows**

***Benediction**

**Life is short and we have too little time
to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us.
So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind,**

**and may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and always.
Amen.**