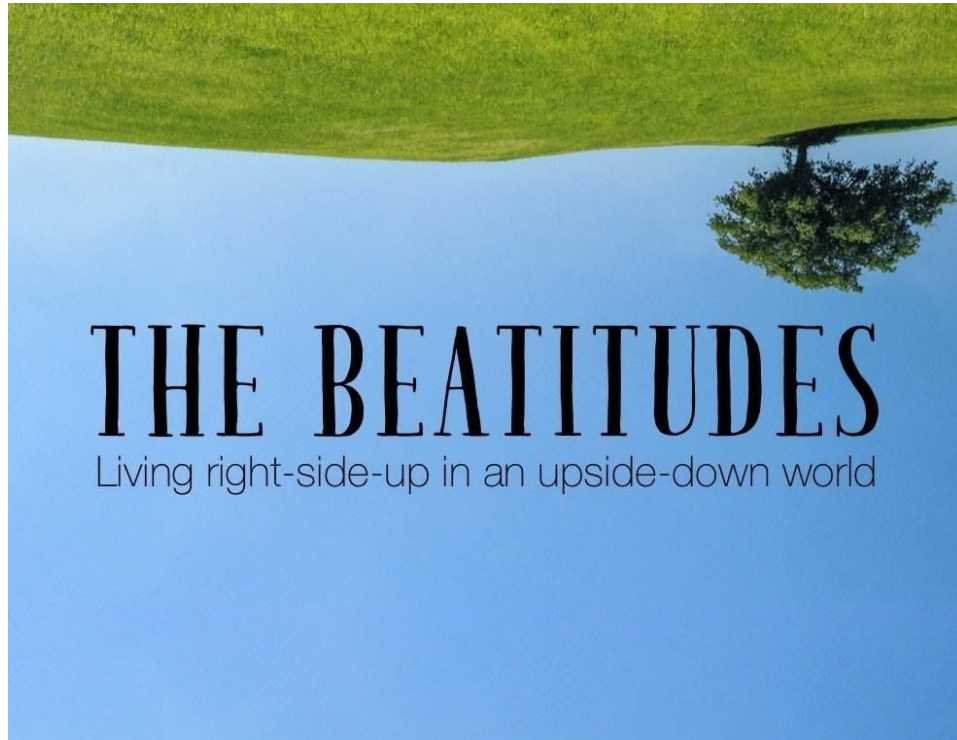


The Sermon on the Mount



March 29, 2020 – 11:00 a.m.

Davis United Methodist Church



We Are a Reconciling and an Inclusive Community of Faith Open and Affirming to the LGBTQIA Community and to All Committed to Living and Teaching The Love of Jesus Christ

Order of Service for the Worship of God

UMH = United Methodist Hymnal

FWS = Faith We Sing

GOD CALLS US TO GATHER FOR WORSHIP

“In the name of Jesus, the Christ and our brother, you are most welcome!”

Prelude “What A Friend We Have in Jesus” *Please register your attendance*

Procession of the Light of God’s Presence

****Hymn of Worship “Great is Thy Faithfulness” UMH # 140**

Responsive Call to Worship (*– adapted from John Van Da Laar, www.sacredise.com*)

ONE: At a time like this, when the triumph of death seems inevitable and the suffering around us makes us want to turn away,

ALL: we commit to resurrection:

ONE: In the secret chambers where power-brokers meet,

ALL: we commit to making the voice of life and justice heard;

ONE: In the crisis moments when quick decisions must be made that hold human lives in the balance

ALL: we commit to making peace and co-existence the challenge we raise;

ONE: In the forgotten corners where the powerless and poor daily walk the valley of the shadow of death,

ALL: we commit to equity, compassion and giving;

ONE: In the dying places on our planet where human carelessness and consumption have threatened the survival of all

ALL: we commit to simplicity and sustainability.

ONE: As you stand among us now, Jesus, in your resurrected glory,

ALL: May we know the power of your life; May we turn away from death;

And may we become agents of resurrection, where ever we find ourselves. Amen

Anthem *I Want Jesus to Walk With Me / Ecstasy Sacred Harp*

Pastoral Welcome

Moment with Children/Song “Jesus Loves the Little Children”

*Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world.
Every color shining bright, we are precious in his sight.
Jesus loves the little children of the world!*

The Peace of Christ is Given to All

One: The peace of the living Christ be with you all!

All: And also with you!

WE LISTEN FOR THE LIVING WORD

Scripture Reading Matthew 5. 1 – 2, 10-12 (NRSV)
You may view the scripture reading on the internet site - www.BibleGateway.org

Witness to the Word “A Three-Legged Race” *Pastor Brandon*

Reflection Questions – Please take a moment to reflect:

- In what way is today’s “Beatitude” descriptive of you?
- For which particular group of people in the world does this “Beatitude” apply?

WE OPEN OUR HEARTS AND MINDS TO GOD

****Prayer Hymn** “Blest are They” **FWS # 2155**

Praying in Community

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us pray together.

Beloved Lord, All around us, life rises. Even as we battle illness and chaos, life unfolds from the soil, fills the air with Spring winds, crowds the pastures with lambs and calves and foals. Life rises in the opening of hearts to lend aid to each other. Life rises in tired health care workers pushing themselves through exhaustion. In the phone calls we make to check on each other, we lift up life. In the discipline it requires to keep ourselves at home, we lift up life. In all of this, the power behind the rise is Yours, and the gift of life comes from You. In gratitude we say, Amen.

Community/Silent Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer

WE OFFER OUR SELVES & OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Ministry Announcements & An Invitation to Give

Offertory *Wonderful Peace* *performed on the piano*

****Doxology** “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow” **UMH # 95**

****Prayer of Dedication**

WE GO TO SERVE GOD & OUR NEIGHBORS IN ALL WE DO

****Hymn of Benediction** “The Summons” **FWS # 2130**

****Benediction**

Be alert to the leadings and illuminations of God.
Take the course that directs you in the Way of Jesus.
And may your companion on the journey of faith
the sustaining Spirit of holy daring. Amen.

Postlude *Abide With Me* *performed on the piano*

The Light of God’s Presence Goes Before Us Into The World

CAN YOU ASSIST OUR NURSERY AGED CHILDREN?

Julia Butler

Questions? Contact our Children’s Coordinator, Julia Butler at juliabutler@davisumc.org or the church office (530) 756-2170

ANNOUNCING Contemporary Issues Forum for April

April forums are entirely contingent upon the status of the coronavirus pandemic. Watch this space- and your weekly newsletter- for updates!

April 5: Palm Sunday, no forum.

April 12: Easter Sunday, no forum.

April 19: **Fellowship Hall**- Justice Sunday, advocacy postcards, no forum.

April 26. *Earth Day Celebration*- “Wetlands, Floods, Fish, and Climate Change”

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During the period of shelter-in-place, the church calendar's format will change. Groups are not meeting at the church. Instead, here is some information about church Ministries along with related meetings and events:

Sunday Worship Messages and Announcements From Pastor Brandon- check your weekly newsletter (which will continue to publish on Thursdays) and special messages for information about Pastoral messages.

Grace Garden Work Time- please contact Cid Barcellos to find out if and how this vital Ministry would continue to meet outdoors using safe distancing practices. Cid's E-mail is cidbarcellos@sbcglobal.net

On March 31 at 2pm, the staff will hold a meeting through electronic means. Platform and method of access are still under discussion.

On April 1 at 4:30pm, Staff-Parish Relations will meet via ZOOM. For more information contact Dori Marshall at dori.marshall@gmail.com

Is your Ministry planning to meet virtually? Let the Office Manager know and he will advertise your meeting here!

Celebrating our church family on their special days:

Next Week's Birthdays

April 2nd: Sarah Mangum

April 3rd: Eliza Buchanan

April 3rd: Beth Hull

April 4th: Miles Melendres

Anniversaries Coming Up

April 9th Sara and Mark McCarthy

...more to follow later in April!

Grow in Faith!

This week's Scripture passage:

Matthew 5. 1-2, 10-12 (NRSV)

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

FINANCE UPDATE

Thank you for your offerings of continued financial support for the ministries, services, and faith witness as the church, as we continue our work in and out of our church offices. You may mail in your offerings to our church office (1620 Anderson Road, Davis, CA 95616). Brian Williams (one of three financial secretaries) and our office manager, Chris Vincenti, have now made available to you a tool so that we may provide our offerings and pledge giving electronically. Simply click this link for the information needed <https://onrealm.org/DavisUnitedMeth/give/now> Please email or call the church office if you need assistance.

PASTORAL LETTERS

Please take a moment to review your E-mail and read the letters sent out by Pastor Brandon recently. There is much to digest there, including information about group meetings and the church office's schedule!

A NOTE FROM YOUR OFFICE MANAGER

The church family is very much encouraged to contact me if you have any questions, concerns, would like to schedule a meeting with the Pastor- just as you always have. I am working remotely. I have full access to E-mail and the church's voicemail. In addition, I have the tools needed to send publications electronically to you all, so keep an eye out for those!

Monthly Crossection publication suspended; features folded into weekly newsletter and church bulletin

For the foreseeable future, the Church Office will incorporate items found in the monthly Crossection into this weekly newsletter and the redesigned worship bulletin.

This includes the Office Manager's favorite Crossection feature, Birthdays and Anniversaries. Look for those in your virtual worship bulletin (the very document you are reading now). You will find a link to this bulletin and many other worship tools on the Church's Website and Facebook page- updated multiple times each week!

GRACE GARDEN'S ANNUAL PLANT SALE

Saturday, April 18th and Sunday the 19th, Times TBD
Right here at Davis UMC in the parking lot!

Cid Barcellos

Mark your calendars for a fine outdoor walk through the gardens as Spring blooms! More information to come- and watch this space for updates!

GLOBAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Our bishop has shared that the General Conference of our global United Methodist Church has delayed its meeting until late August 2021. (Visit www.umc.org for additional updates).

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MINISTERS: ONE AND ALL!!!

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