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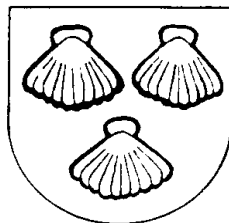


**February 16, 2025**  
**9:30 am**

**“Fill My Future With Vision”**  
**ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE**

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## Gathering

**Prelude** "I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light" arr. by Wayne Wold **Offered by Clarice Snyder**

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**Welcome**

**Jan Petrosch**

**Introit**

"Be Thou My Vision"

**Handbell Choir**

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**A Call to Plenty**

"Fill My Cup, Lord" (sing 2 times)

**UMH 641**

Fill my cup Lord I lift it up Lord  
Come and quench this thirsting of my soul  
Bread of heaven feed me till I want no more  
Fill my cup fill it up and make me whole

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**Call to Worship**

**Jan Petrosch**

ONE: In this world of striving,  
**ALL: we feel the yearn to earn.**  
The world measures our worth in those earnings.  
**But Jesus had different ideas.**  
When they believed the scarcity narratives perpetuated by those in power,  
**he imagined a narrative of selflessness that prized humility over hubris.**  
When we feel our own resources are lacking,  
**we can view our lives and practices again from the economy of Jesus.**

**Opening Prayer**

**Jan Petrosch**

**God of Surprising Paradoxes,**  
**we come to you today, lifting to you our feelings of powerlessness against empire**  
**and the rage we feel when bad things happen to good people.**  
**In the midst of our confounded search for answers, remind us of your justice**  
**that restores dignity to those who have been laid low and**  
**promises an inheritance of goodness and grace for all people. Amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn**

"Be Thou My Vision"

**UMH 451**

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2. Be thou my wisdom and thou my true word  
I ever with thee and thou with me Lord  
Thou and thou only first in my heart  
Great God of heaven my treasure thou art

3. Great God of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

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**Passing of the Peace**

**Jan Petrosch**

*One:* So may jar-fulls of peace be with you today. **People:** And also with you.

**Proclaiming**

**Children's Moment**

**Jelinda Blum**

**Scripture**

**Luke 6: 17-26 (NRSVue)**

**Jan Petrosch**

**Word in Music**

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

**Handbell Choir**

Clara H. Scott  
Arranged by Dan R. Edwards (ASCAP)  
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**Message**

"Fill My Future With Vision"

**Rev. Patricia Abell**

**Response**

**Prayers of People/Prayer Song**

**Jan Petrosch**

**Prayer Song**

"Freely, Freely" (Chorus)

**UMH 389**

Freely, freely you have received,  
freely, freely give.  
Go in my name, and because you believe,  
others will know that I live.

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**Lord's Prayer**

**Prayer Song**

"Freely, Freely" (Chorus)

**UMH 389**

**Meditation**

"Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult"

**Handbell Choir**

Music by William Jude (GALLILEE, 1874) and Christian Witt (STUTTGART, 1715)  
Arranged by Matthew Prins  
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**\*Doxology**

**"Gloria Patri"**

**UMH 71**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen. Amen.

My.Hymnary #12 - Gloria Patri  
WORDS: Gloria Patri; 2nd century  
MUSIC (GLORIA PATRI (GREATOREX), Irregular meter): Henry W. Greatorex

**Offering Prayer**

**Going Forth**

**\*Closing Hymn**

**"Do Lord, Remember Me"**

**UMH 527**

1. Do, Lord, do, Lord, do, Lord, remember me;  
do, Lord, do, Lord, do, Lord, remember me;  
do, Lord, do Lord, do, Lord, remember me;  
singing do, Lord, remember me.

2. I took Jesus as my Savior, do Lord remember me;  
I took Jesus as my Savior, do Lord, remember me;  
I took Jesus as my Savior, do Lord, remember me;  
singing do, Lord, remember me.

3. When I'm in trouble, Do Lord, remember me.  
When I'm in trouble, Do Lord, remember me,  
When I'm in trouble, Do Lord, remember me,  
singing do, Lord, remember me.

4. When I am dying, do Lord, remember me;  
When I am dying, do Lord, remember me;  
When I am dying, do, Lord, remember me;  
singing do, Lord, remember me.

5. I got a home in glory land that outshines the sun,  
I got a home in glory land that outshines the sun,  
I got a home in glory land that outshines the sun,  
singing do, Lord, remember me.

African American Spiritual  
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**Benediction**

**Rev. Patricia Abell**

**Postlude**

**"Toccatà in E Minor" Johann Pachelbel**

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### Questions for Reflection

One commentator on Luke 6:17–26 writes,

“‘Blessed’ (makarios) does not simply describe a state of happiness or bliss.

Rather, it refers in a theological sense to one’s standing before God (Deut. 33:29; Pss. 1:1; 40:4).”\*

As you reflect on the blessings and woes in Luke’s Gospel and on the use of the word

“happy” in Psalm 1:1 and “blessed” in Jeremiah 17:7,

how does this meaning of “blessed” or “happy” contrast with contemporary uses of this word?

What is one change you can make in your own life before God that would bring you into closer accord with Jesus’ understanding of blessedness?

### Household Prayer: Morning

Gracious God, thank you for the gift of this new day.

Guide my steps as I face choices to care for the earth or not,

to show compassion toward others or not, to care for myself or not, to be true to Christ or not.

May each of my choices draw me closer to you. Amen.

### Household Prayer: Evening

Tonight I come home to you in prayer, my God.

Thank you for guiding me through this day, even when I was not conscious of it.

Now I give this day back to you,

entrusting all that I did and all that I left undone to your compassionate care.

May I rest in peace. Amen.

\* From Gay L. Byron, “Exegetical Perspective” on Luke 6:17–26, Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany, in *Feasting on the Word: Preaching the Revised Common Lectionary, Year C, Volume 4*, ed. David L. Bartlett and Barbara Brown Taylor (Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2009), 361.

### Resources:

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