



Welcome

Centering for Worship

Katherine Hawker

Prelude

Gathering for Worship

Nancy Townley

Happy are those who follow the ways of the Lord. God's ways are just and merciful.

ALL: Those who follow God's ways are continually nourished in faith. In all that they do, they prosper. Come, let us open our hearts to God's compassionate love. Let us celebrate God's mercy and justice. Amen.

Gathering Prayer

ALL: Faithful God, source of every blessing: teach us to love our enemies, to bless those who curse us, to pray for those who persecute us, to turn the other cheek, to share our possessions, to give to those who are in need, and to do to others as we would have them do to us, just as Christ has shown us. Amen.

Song Come, All You People - *SPP #22

Joys and Concerns: Our Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Generous Gifts

Ministry Matters

Reminder of Generous Giving Opportunities

Doxology

Prayer Dedication

Joanna Harader

ALL: God, whose giving knows no ending, we offer up the treasure that You have entrusted to us; we offer up the skills and time that You have graciously given to us; we offer up ourselves in service and praise. Receive these gifts by Your grace. Multiply and use them through the power of the Holy Spirit to accomplish Christ's work of love in the world. Amen.

Song Your Ways Are Not Our Own - #TNCH, #170 (based on Luke 6)

Prayer for Scripture

Thomas Turner

Luke 6:17-26

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. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. "Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. "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. "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

Reading

Elizabeth Bibesco

Meditation

Song **What Gift Can We Bring? *TNCH - #370, verse 1**

Affirming Our Mission

ALL: We the members and friends of Plainfield Congregational Church United Church of Christ seek to embody and celebrate God's love by being a community that lives Christ's compassion and promotes justice, healing and wholeness of life; a joyous family where all are welcome to join together to grow in faith and love.

Blessing

Cara Heafey

Chimes

Postlude

***SPP – Sing! Prayer and Praise Hymnal**

***TNCH – The New Century Hymnal**