

SOUTHSIDE FELLOWSHIP

Creating brave spaces that nurture and inspire the human spirit

The Beatitudes: What could the world be like?

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Perhaps one of the main functions of the Beatitudes is to make us wonder about them - to move us to talk to each other about what poverty is, and what poverty of spirit is, and whether they're the same or different, and why they're both declared blessed by Jesus. The more you wrestle with the Beatitudes, the more they pull you into their depths. The deeper you dig, the more they yield.

~ Rebekah Eklund

GATHERING

Welcome

Centering music

Call to Worship (from Matthew 5:1)

Leader: When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain and sat down. His followers came, and Jesus taught them.

ALL: We are gathered here as your disciples
to learn from you, Jesus.
Teach us the way.
Come Holy Spirit.

Hymn Jesus calls Us Here

VT 30

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

Scripture VT 295

A Time for All God's Children

Hymn What Is the World Like

VT 290

Sermon Be Happy, Get Real, or be Blessed

David Moser

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Hymn Oh, Blessed are the Poor in Spirit

HWB 231

Offering

Sharing our lives and our prayers

Praying in the Way of Jesus

THE WORD IN THE WORLD

Hymn Heart with Loving Heart United

VT 813

Benediction



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