

# SOUTHSIDE FELLOWSHIP

Creating brave spaces that nurture and inspire the human spirit

*The Beatitudes: What could the world be like?*

*February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023*

*The Beatitudes occupy the same space we do; the time in which it is not yet God's future.*

*We live right in the middle of the first half and the second half of each beatitude.*

*We dwell in the comma between "Blessed are you who weep now" and "for you will laugh."*

*~ Rebekah Eklund, paraphrase*

## 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** *Come Let Us All Unite to Sing* **VT 7**

## LISTENING FOR THE WORD

**Scripture** VT 295

**A Time for All God's Children**

**Offering**

**The Poet's Word**

**Hymn** *God Is Here Among Us* **VT 62**

**Sermon** *Layers of Meaning* Debbie Bledsoe

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**Hymn** *What Is the World Like* **VT 298**

**Sharing our lives and our prayers**

**Praying in the Way of Jesus**

## THE WORD IN THE WORLD

**Hymn** *Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord* **VT 131**

**Benediction**



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