

SOUTHSIDE FELLOWSHIP

Creating brave spaces that nurture and inspire the human spirit

The Beatitudes: What could the world be like?

March 5th, 2023

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house, to clothe the naked when you see them?
Isaiah 58:6-7

GATHERING

Welcome

Centering music

Hymn *We walk by Faith* **VT 588** **v1-3**

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 *What is the World Like* **VT 298**

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

Scripture *Matthew 5: 3-12* **VT 295**

A Time for All God's Children *In Every Life* by Marla Frazee

Offering

The Poet's Word *In Blackwater Woods* by Mary Oliver

Sermon *The Empire will certainly strike back!* Debbie Bledsoe

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Hymn *God of the Bible* **VT 420**

The Poet's Word *Through the weeks of deep snow* by Wendell Berry

Sharing our lives and our prayers

Praying in the Way of Jesus

THE WORD IN THE WORLD

Hymn *Gentle Shepherd, Come and Lead Us* **VT 718**

Benediction



Russell Powell, **Hold On**, mixed media with handprints.

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