Our mission is to learn the way of Jesus together as we invite others to join us at His Table.

Our Common Practices

We Gather

We gather for worship more often than not.
We gather in smaller groups to connect, learn, and grow.
We create hospitable space for one another.

We Grow

We attend the means of grace daily. (i.e. We attend to the presence of God through Scripture reading and meditation, prayer on behalf of others and myself, breath prayer, spiritual reading and study…).
We nurture our faith.
We attend to relationships that promote growth.
We develop and learn as human beings made in the image of God.

We Give

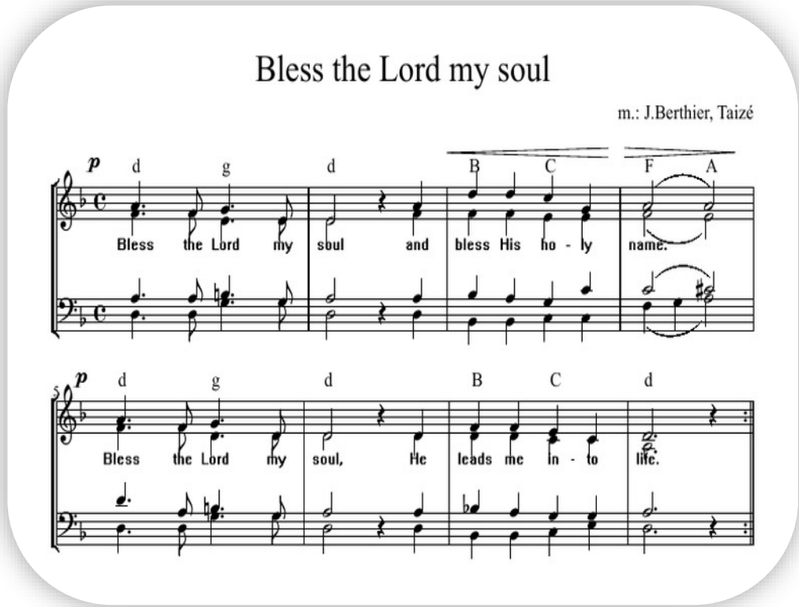
We are a generous people who give our time and resources to the mission of God and the world.
We tithe as the means through which our community enjoys fiscal health so as to minister generously.

We Go

We follow Jesus into the world as His healing presence.
We help the vulnerable among us.
We go into the world offering Jesus' invitation to gather at His Table.

A Breath Prayer for the coming week:

"I put my trust in Your unfailing Love."



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Order of Worship
16 February 2020
The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

We Gather to Worship God

Prelude Music
Welcome
Call to Worship
Worship Reading

We Listen to the Scriptures

Pastoral Prayer
Offering
Sermon Series: Sermons From The Sermon
Sermon: "Sawdust and Two-by-Fours"
Scripture Reading: Matthew 7.1-12

We Come to the Table

Passing the Peace of Christ
Song of preparation
Prayer of Consecration
The Lord's Prayer
We Eat and Drink Together
Prayer of Thanksgiving

We Go to Live in the Reign of God

Community Life
Gossiping the Good Stuff
Doxology
Blessing and Sending

If you are a guest with us today, please take time to fill out a Connection Card located in the sanctuary chairs. After worship, an usher will be waiting to receive your card at the guest table in the lobby. As an expression of our hospitality, you will receive a mug filled with chocolates.

Sermon Reflection Guide

Matthew 7.1-12

Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. For with the judgment you make you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get. Why do you see the speck in your neighbor's eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? Or how can you say to your neighbor, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' while the log is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor's eye.

"Do not give what is holy to dogs; and do not throw your pearls before swine, or they will trample them under foot and turn and maul you. "Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.

For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for bread, will give a stone? Or if the child asks for a fish, will give a snake? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

"In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets."

Question for Everyone:

(1) I welcome correction gladly. (10) When I receive correction, be afraid. Be very afraid. Where are you on this range? OK, I know "it depends." The question is, what is your default number when receiving correction?

Do Not Judge

You never know the entire story. There is only One who does know the entire story and so to judge, to condemn, to assume the worst is to play the part of God, a part for which we are most certainly ill equipped. Can you think of a time when you assessed a person's motive prior to having all the facts only to realize you were wrong? Tell the story.

Be Careful

Jesus isn't the least bit hesitant to offer a little karmic warning: Your exacting, judgmental gaze will be applied to you; so you might want to go a little easier on others. You might want to offer grace. You may want to consider the difference between humble correction and harsh judgment. What is the difference?

The Speck and the Log

Jesus says, first take the 2x4 out of your ocular cavity before you pull out your tweezers to remove the speck of sawdust from your brother or sister's eye. OK, so what does this mean in its context?

Self-Awareness in the Kingdom of God

Christians practice a different kind of self-awareness by applying the person of Christ as the mirror into which we gaze so as to realize our broken places and thus our need for healing. What formation practices might help you this Lenten season to gain greater self-awareness?

Pearls and Pigs

Not everyone, especially those for whom forgiveness is a foreign concept, will want to be transformed by grace or freed from their pride through the embrace of forgiveness. Some simply don't see the need. Until they do, you might as well be silent. Jesus' teaching is aimed at a people who know they depend upon grace for everything. To offer His teaching to those who live in the land of the survival of the fittest, where might makes right, and the bully always wins . . . well don't waste your time; don't throw your pearls before the pig-headed bully. Response?

Don't Give Up

It may seem impossible, even outlandish to live in a community in which love abounds, correction is offered and received in humility, and forgiveness is the central ethic; but heaven has come near and therefore nothing good and beautiful is impossible. So don't give up on the dream of a heaven-on-earth people. Don't be discouraged or dismayed. Keep asking, keep searching, keep knocking. How might persistence of one's prayer and the object of one's prayer coincide?