

Luke 6:17-22

Jesus came down from the mountain with them and stood on a large area of level ground. A great company of his disciples and a huge crowd of people from all around Judea and Jerusalem and the area around Tyre and Sidon joined him there. They came to hear him and to be healed from their diseases, and those bothered by un-clean spirits were healed. The whole crowd wanted to touch him, because power was going out from him and he was healing everyone. Jesus raised his eyes to his disciples and said: Happy are you who are poor, because God's kingdom is yours. Happy are you who hunger now, because you will be satisfied, Happy are you who weep now, because you will laugh. Happy are you when people hate you, reject you, insult you, and condemn your name as evil because of the human one.

Psalm 86:1-7

Lord, listen closely to me and answer me, because I am poor and in need. Guard my life because I am faithful. Save your servant who trusts in you-you! My God! Have mercy on me, Lord, because, I cry out to you all day long. Make your servant's life happy again because, my Lord, I offer my life to you, because, my Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of faithful love for all those who cry out to you. Listen closely to my prayer, Lord; pay close attention to the sound of my requests for mercy. Whenever I am in trouble, I cry out to you, because you will answer me.

Sunday, December 22, 2024 7:00 pm

Longest Night

CENTERING MUSIC

WORDS OF WELCOME

HYMN *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* Red Hymnal
No. 216

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the beginning was the Word. And the
Word was with God, and the Word was God.

**People: The Word became flesh and lived among
us, full of grace and truth.**

Leader: In him was life, and that life was the light for
humanity.

**People: The light shines in the darkness, and the
darkness has never been able to overcome
it.**

FIRST READING *Luke 6:17-22*

SPECIAL MUSIC *Away In the Manger* Virginia Werling

SECOND READING *Psalm 86:1-7*

THE LIGHTING OF FOUR CANDLES

Candle of Grief

Candle of Courage

Candle of Memories

Candle of Love

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

THE LIGHTING OF CANDLES OF REMEMBRANCE

SPECIAL MUSIC *He is Born* Virginia Werling

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving

The Breaking of the Bread and the Lifting of the
Cup

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

HYMN *Silent Night, Holy Night* No. 239
Red Hymnal

INVITATION & BENEDICTION

Following Worship, you are invited to share a time of fellowship in the Fellowship Hall.

Participating in Worship:

Pastor Claire Douglass

Pastor Brad Mather

Organist, Sue Lundeen

Harpist, Virginia Werling