

# *6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany*

February 13, 2022

"Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.  
"Blessed are you who are hungry now,  
for you will be filled.  
"Blessed are you who weep now,  
for you will laugh.



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## **The Family of God Gathers**

### **Gathering Music**

“Be Thou My Vision”

*Please let the prelude be a signal to prepare for worship.*

### **Greeting**

### **Call to Worship †§**

L: Blessed are those who trust in God!

**P: We come to learn how to trust, that we might be grounded in God’s love.**

L: Blessed are those who hope in God!

**P: We come to increase our hope, that we might do the work of the One who gives us life.**

L: Blessed are those who delight in God’s Word!

**P: We come to hear God speak, that we might feel God’s healing and joy.**

### **Opening Hymn 493** Bulletin page 6

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

### **Prayer of Confession †§**

**Merciful God, your call to discipleship is demanding. You ask us to reorder our lives to conform to the realm you are bringing in Jesus Christ, yet we still pass by the ones you especially notice: people who are poor and hungry; people who weep; those who are hated, bullied, and excluded. Comfortable with the way things are, we are too complacent with injustice and prejudice, sometimes even being guilty of them ourselves. Forgive us, O God, and turn us back to the way of your gospel of love. Amen.**

### **Assurance of Pardon §**

L: The One who calls us to discipleship does not leave us alone but walks with us:  
In Jesus’ name, you are forgiven!

**P: You are forgiven!**

L: May the peace of Christ be with you!

**P: And also with you!**

## The Sign of Peace

*Now please take a moment and share the peace with those in your household and/or offer a moment to send prayers of peace to those you love who are not with you.*

Centering Music Verse 4 Bulletin page 7

“Christ Be Our Light”

## The Service of the Word

### Psalm 1

L: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night.

**P: They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither.**

L: In all that they do, they prosper.

**P: The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

L: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

**P: for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.**

### Gospel

Luke 6:17–26

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

“Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

“But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

“Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.  
“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to  
the false prophets.”

## **Sermon**

## **Offering**

## **Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise God all creatures here below  
Praise God above ye heavenly host  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## **Prayer of Dedication of Gifts and Self †**

**Holy One, bless and multiply these gifts we give as tokens of our trust in you.  
Use them to bless the poor, feed the hungry, and comfort those who weep; in  
Jesus’ name. Amen.**

## **Joys and Concerns**

## **Prayers of the People**

## **Lord’s Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy  
will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And  
forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the  
glory, forever. Amen.**

## **Closing Hymn** Bulletin page 8

“We Are Called”

## **Benediction †§**

**L: Grounded in God’s love, we are sent out  
P: to share abundance with those who have so little.  
L: Blessed with Jesus’ hope, we go forth  
P: to fill the emptiness of those longing for justice.**

L: Blessed with the Spirit's delight, we dance into the world

**P: to take the hands of our neighbors in fellowship and love. Amen!**

## Postlude

“Sonatina, Op. Anh. 5, No. 2”

† <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com>

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## Worship Leaders

Pastor: Rev. David Huber • Ministers: All the people of Plymouth • Pianist: Lynn McFadyen • Liturgist: Mimi Pederson

*We of Plymouth extend to you our hand of fellowship and an invitation to become a member. If you are interested, or have any questions, please speak with or send a note to Pastor David or our Moderator, Barb Kleist. Our table always has room for more.*

## This Week at Plymouth

**Sunday, February 13**

*Prayers for the People*

10:30 A.M. Worship

**Tuesday, February 15**

10:00 A.M. Quilters

7:00 P.M. Dartball

Plymouth at Saving Grace

**Sunday, February 20**

*OCWM offering*

10:30 A.M. Worship

### We pray for:

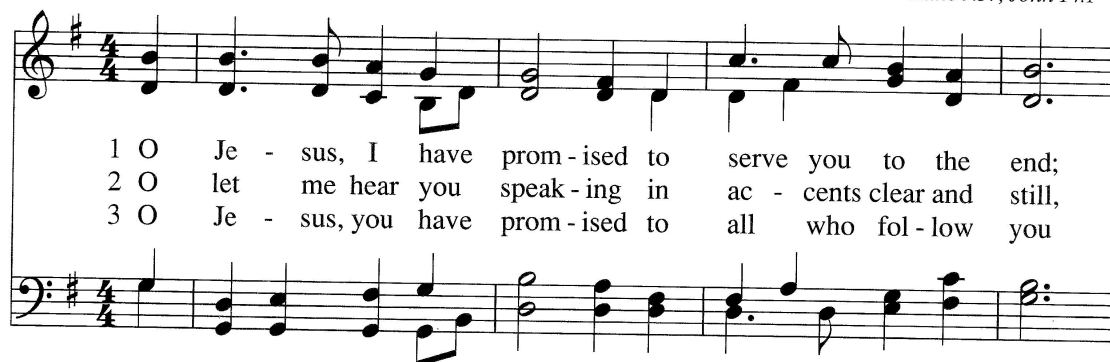
- The General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ Rev. John Dorhauer and Wisconsin Conference Minister Rev. Franz Rigert, along with all UCC staff at the national and Conference level and Rev. Rob MacDougal and his wife, Wendy as she enters into hospice care
- These individuals/families: Meghan (Austin) Cartmill, Patty (John) Cartmill, Nancy Champion, Lilah Eastzman, Tami (Chris) Eisberner

# O Jesus, I Have Promised

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John E. Bode, 1868; alt.

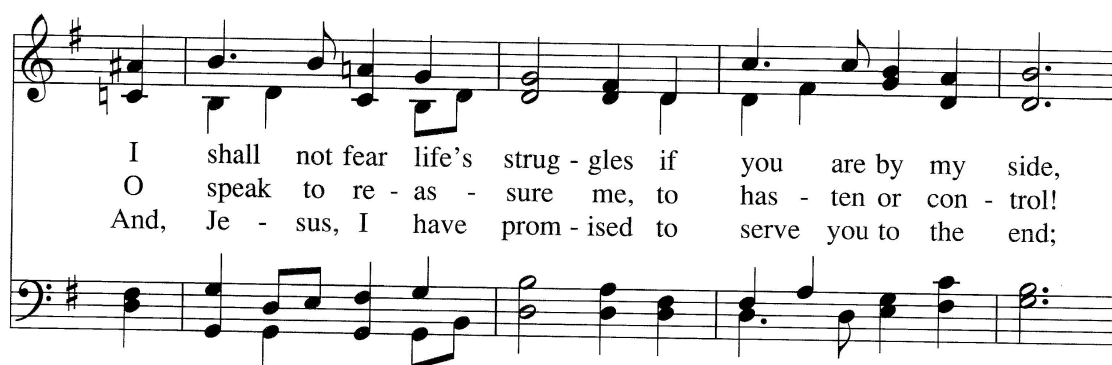
Luke 9:57; John 14:1-4



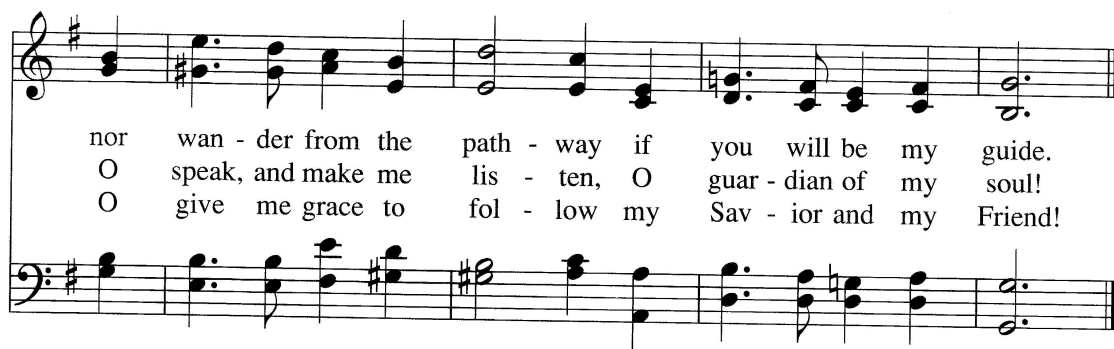
1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;  
 2 O let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,  
 3 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you



re - main for - ev - er near me, my Sav - ior and my Friend:  
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will!  
 that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be, too;



I shall not fear life's strug - gles if you are by my side,  
 O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol!  
 And, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.  
 O speak, and make me lis - ten, O guar - dian of my soul!  
 O give me grace to fol - low my Sav - ior and my Friend!

John Ernest Bode wrote these words when his daughter and two sons were confirmed. Although the Oxford scholar and rector wrote books of hymns, this is the only one to achieve lasting fame.

Tune: ANGEL'S STORY 7.6.7.6.D.  
 A. H. Mann, 1883  
 Alternate tune: MUNICH

# CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

Bernadette Farrell

## Verses



1. Long-ing for light, — we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for
2. Long-ing for peace, — our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for
3. Long-ing for food, — man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for
4. Long-ing for shel-ter, man - y are home-less. Long-ing for
5. Man - y the gifts, — man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



1. truth, — we turn to you. Make us your own, —
2. hope, — man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone —
3. wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread, —
4. warmth, — man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
5. hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



1. your ho - ly peo-ple, light for the world to see.
2. has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
3. bro - ken for oth-ers, shared un - til all are fed.
4. shel - ter - ing oth-ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
5. to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.

## Refrain



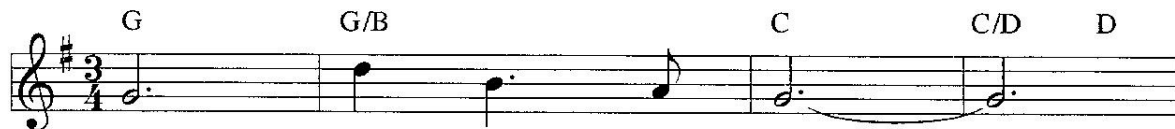
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.



Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath-ered to-day.

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# We are called



1 Come! Live in the light!  
 2 Come! O - pen your heart!  
 3 Sing! Sing a new song!



Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are  
 Show your . . . mer - cy to all those in fear! We are  
 Sing of that great day when all will be one! God will



called to be light for the king - dom, to  
 called to be hope for the hope - less so all  
 reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.  
 ha - tred and blind - ness will be . . . no more.  
 sis - ters and broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.

## Refrain



We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.





## Become a Foster Parent or Respite Care Provider!

### Every Child Needs Someone, Why Not You?

Eau Claire County is hosting a Foster and Respite Care Informational Meeting on Wednesday, February 23, 2022.

Please join us in person or virtually, to learn more about the fostering needs in our community and hear from current foster parents about their fostering experience.

#### Join us in-person:

Wednesday, February 23, 2022  
Plymouth United Church of Christ  
2010 Moholt Drive, Eau Claire  
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

*\*Masks are required for the in-person event.*

#### Or join us virtually via Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1805329939663783>

or scan the QRC Code:



Questions can be directed to Christa Dutter at EC County at: 715-839-6923.

Co-sponsored by the JONAH Child Poverty Task Force - [jonahjustice.org](http://jonahjustice.org)



Department of Human Services  
"Where Communities Come Together"



# ***Chippewa Valley Street Ministry Needs List:***

Coats—we need sizes 3x, 4x, 5x and larger

Gloves and mittens—the bigger the better, people's  
hands swell in the cold.

Sleeping bags

Food cards (Fast food, convenience, etc)

Gas cards

Financial gifts

Checks can be sent to:

Chippewa Valley Street Ministry  
PO Box 51  
Eau Claire, WI 54702

*Please consider a donation to help us support the needs of our brothers and sisters  
on the street.*

### ***Who we are...***

*Plymouth UCC is an Open and Affirming congregation, embracing diversity and affirming the dignity and worth of every person, since we are all created in God's image. We welcome into full membership and participation in the Body of Christ persons of every race, ethnic background, age, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, physical or mental ability, socio-economic background, marital status and background. We welcome all to share in the life, leadership, ministry, fellowship, worship, sacraments, responsibilities, humor, and blessings of participation in our congregation.*

## ***Spiritual Care Package***

### ***Questions for Reflection***

One commentator on Luke 6:17–26 writes, “‘Blessed’ (makarios) does not simply describe a state of happiness or bliss. Rather, it refers in a theological sense to one’s standing before God.” As you reflect on the blessings and woes in Luke’s Gospel and on the use of the word “happy” in Psalm 1:1 and “blessed” in Jeremiah 17:7, how does this meaning of “blessed” or “happy” contrast with contemporary uses of this word, even by some preachers? What is one change you can make in your own life before God that would bring you into closer accord with Jesus’ understanding of blessedness?

### ***Household Prayer: Morning***

Gracious God, thank you for the gift of this new day. Guide my steps as I face choices to care for the earth or not, to show compassion toward others or not, to care for myself or not, to be true to Christ or not. May each of my choices draw me closer to you. Amen.

### ***Household Prayer: Evening***

Tonight I come home to you in prayer, my God. Thank you for guiding me through this day, even when I was not conscious of it. Now I give this day back to you, entrusting all that I did and all that I left undone to your compassionate care. May I rest in peace. Amen.

# **God is still speaking,**