"For some reason, the most vocal Christians among us never mention the Beatitudes. But, often with tears in their eyes, they demand that the Ten Commandments be posted in public buildings." "I haven't heard one of them demand that the Sermon on the Mount, the Beatitudes, be posted anywhere. 'Blessed are the merciful' in a courtroom? 'Blessed are the peacemakers' in the Pentagon? Give me a break!"— Kurt Vonnegut

** Please stand in body and/or spirit as you are able*

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LET US GATHER

PRELUDE *O God of Earth and Altar* *J.Mansfield*

WELCOME to ALL!

No matter who you are or where you are on your life's journey, you are welcome here.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT *In The Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful* *Taizé*

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Blessed are those who mourn what has been lost.
All: Let us comfort them.
One: Blessed are those who are slow to anger, and submissive to the will of others.
All: Let us give them the world.
One: Blessed are those who work and fight for what is just.
All: Let us give them their fill of what we have to give.
One: Blessed are those who show others mercy.
All: Let us show mercy for their transgressions as well.
One: We cannot offer heaven, nor the face of God,
All: Therefor let us contribute what we can to this work of worship.
Amen

LET US PREPARE

***HYMN** *All Things Bright and Beautiful* *R478*

UNISON INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER (trespasses)

We gather here together to discern the meaning of the teaching of the Lamb of God. In doing so, let us pray together as Jesus taught us: "Our Father…"

LET US LISTEN

READING *Matthew 5:1-12*

REFLECTION *"Breaking Down the Beatitudes"*

ANTHEM *Draw Us In The Spirit's Tether* *H.W.Friedell*

You are invited into a moment of silence for personal reflection.

LET US RESPOND

Gathering of Joys and Concerns

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Joys and Concerns *Medema*
Lord, listen to your children praying; Lord send your Spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to your children praying; Send us love, send us peace, send us grace. (twice)
PRAYER
(and once more)

L: Let the people say …
P: Amen and Amen.

CELEBRATION OF THE SAINTS (please see insert)

OFFERING OUR GIFTS: At First Church, we preserve the tradition of the Offering, even though we know that many give at different times, and in different ways. This tradition is meant to honor all of the ways the community gives to the church in time, in talent, and in treasure.

OFFERTORY *Air Encien* *J.H.d'Anglebert*

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF THANKS AND DEDICATION (Unison)**

Let all that is brought together here be used to enact the Blessings proclaimed by Jesus. Amen

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION (please see insert)

LET US GO FORTH

***HYMN**	*I Sing A Song of the Saints of God*	*R481*
***BENEDICTION**		
***SEVEN FOLD AMEN**		R594
POSTLUDE	*When The Saints Come Marching In*	*M.Hayes*

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Ministers:	**The People**
Pastor:	**Mark Harris**
Minister of Music:	**Gene Faxon**
Worship Leader:	**Lisa Bostnar**
Greeters:	**The Jacksons**
Ushers:	**Sam Greene and Co.**
Setup:	**Pam Hill**

Please join us for a celebration of November birthdays after worship.

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