

RACINE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

June 28, 2020– 9:30 a.m.

Pastor Anson Veenstra

* Those who are able are invited to stand

Prelude/Opening

Welcome

***Call to Worship**

***Greetings**

***Opening Song:** *“Amid the Thronging Worshipers”*

Opening Prayer

Song of Praise: *“Jesus, There’s No One Like You”*

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 6: 1-8

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Declaration of Pardon: Romans 5: 8-9

Our Response: *“God, Be Merciful to Me”*

Congregational Prayer

***Song of Preparation:** *“Christ Is Mine Forevermore”*

Scripture: Matthew 5:3; Luke 18: 9-13

Sermon: Empty Hands

Prayer of Application

***Hymn of Response:** *“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”*

***God’s Blessing**

***Doxology:** *“Meekness and Majesty”*

+Please place your offering on the table in the Narthex

Isaiah 6:1-8; Luke 18:9-13

Text: Matthew 5:3

Empty Hands....

Now when _____ saw the _____, he went up on a _____ and
_____. His _____ came to him, and he began to _____ them
saying,
Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven

Introduction: Two Stories

Luke 18:9-13 - Two men walk into this temple...

Michael Wilkins – *Are the Beatitudes Even Relevant?*

The Calling

Poor defined: – spiritually _____ and totally dependent on Jesus' grace, mercy and unconditional love.

To recognize my _____ before God

- The example of Isaiah

The counter value

The opposite of being poor in spirit is _____

God _____ the proud (1 Pet 5:5,6)

'*Poor in spirit*' coming before God with _____

The Blessing

The Kingdom is ours _____

God is _____ those who are 'poor in spirit'

The Challenge:

_____ your hands

_____ the cross