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Looking at his disciples, he said:

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

Blessed are you who hunger now,  
for you will be satisfied.

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

Blessed are you when people hate you,  
when they exclude you and insult you  
and reject your name as evil,  
because of the Son of Man.

“Rejoice in that day and leap for joy,  
because great is your reward in heaven.

*-From Luke 5*

**O God, call us together  
as you did those so long ago  
to discover and be reminded  
that we are your blessed people.  
Today, in this place, Christ gather us.**

**Music from this week:**

Your Love Awakens Me (*Wickham*); God With Us, All The  
Poor and Powerless (*All Sons and Daughters*);  
Closer (*Cook*)

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## **The Whisper of Wisdom: *Wisdom Allows God to Roll Back Shame***

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Joshua 5:1-12

Their Story:

5:1

5:2-3

5:4-8

5:9

5:10 (*Exodus 12:11*)

5:11-12

Our Story:

God is in the business of replacing our pain and shame-filled past with a hope-filled future.

As you participate in communion, I invite you to take the things in your past that cause pain and shame, give them over to Jesus, and receive his love that opens the way to a hope-filled future.

### **For Reflection:**

The release of our shame and pain-filled past is an ongoing process. As you go about your week, when pain and shame from the past rears its head, simply return to Jesus; return to the communion table and exchange your past for his grace, forgiveness, and deep love.