

Order of Service
July 26, 2020

Opening Song: Wonderwall by Oasis

For the Gen-Xers and RHC staff of the 00s/10s

Key of Fm

Today is gonna be the day
That they're gonna throw it back to you
By now you should've somehow
Realized what you gotta do
I don't believe that anybody
Feels the way I do, about you now

Backbeat, the word was on the street
That the fire in your heart is out
I'm sure you've heard it all before
But you never really had a doubt
I don't believe that anybody
Feels the way I do about you now

And all the roads we have to walk are winding
And all the lights that lead us there are blinding
There are many things that I
Would like to say to you but I don't know how
Because maybe, you're gonna be the one that saves me
And after all, you're my wonderwall

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Realized what you're not to do
I don't believe that anybody
Feels the way I do, about you now

And all the roads that lead you there are winding
And all the lights that light the way are blinding
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Welcome

Call to Worship (Iona Community)

The sun rises and it is light, night falls and it is dark.
Bless the One who gives the Life.
Sow the seed and cut the corn;
Bear the child and build the house

Bless the One who gives the Life.
Lay the stone and light the fire;
Cast the net and water the earth;

Bless the One who gives the Life.
Serve the guest and pay the price;
Nail the wood and pick the flowers;

Bless the One who gives the Life.
Make the wine and bake the bread;
Pour the wine and break the bread;

Bless the One who gives the Life.

Family of God, from whom does our help come?
Our help comes from the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

Hymn: Through the Heart of Every City

(VU 584) Key of D (Tune: Arfon Major_

1

Through the heart of every city
runs the flow of human need.
'Mid this glass and steel are pulsing
smoldering wick and bruised reed.
Has our church a word to offer,
some hope shining from our creed?
Walking through the concrete furrows
Jesus sows the Word as seed.

2

Through the passing generations,
in their spirit, flesh and bone,
Jesus Christ becomes incarnate:
holy hearts are living stone
building here a house of refuge
as a temple, as a home.
So within the city's shadow
Jesus' planted Word has grown.

3

Through our worship and our witness,
Jesus, grant that we may still
hear the heartbeat of compassion
calling us to do your will.
You, our vine, and we, your branches,
deadened not by any chill,
working for that final city
where the harvest is fulfilled.

Opening Prayer & Lord's Prayer Song

A Time for All God's Children

Hymn: Inch by inch, row by row

Key of D

Refrain:

Inch by inch, row by row
Gonna make this garden grow
All it takes is a rake and a hoe
And a piece of fertile ground
Inch by inch, row by row
Someone bless these seeds I sow
Someone warm them from below
Till the rain comes tumbling down

Pulling weeds and picking stones
We are made of dreams and bones
Feel the need to grow my own
Cause the time is close at hand

Painful rain, sun and rain
Find my way in nature's chain
Tune my body and my brain
To the music from the land R

Plant your rows straight and long
Temper them with prayer and song
Mother Earth will make you strong
If you give her love and care

Old crow watching hungrily
From his perch in yonder tree
In my garden I'm as free
As that feathered thief up there R

Scripture: The Parable of the Sower

Matthew 13: 1-9; 18-23 - The Message

At about that same time Jesus left the house and sat on the beach. In no time at all a crowd gathered along the shoreline, forcing him to get into a boat. Using the boat as a pulpit, he addressed his congregation, telling stories.

“What do you make of this? A farmer planted seed. As he scattered the seed, some of it fell on the road, and birds ate it. Some fell in the gravel; it sprouted quickly but didn’t put down roots, so when the sun came up it withered just as quickly. Some fell in the weeds; as it came up, it was strangled by the weeds. Some fell on good earth, and produced a harvest beyond his wildest dreams.

“Are you listening to this? Really listening?”

“Study this story of the farmer planting seed. When anyone hears news of the kingdom and doesn’t take it in, it just remains on the surface, and so the Evil One comes along and plucks it right out of that person’s heart. This is the seed the farmer scatters on the road.

“The seed cast in the gravel—this is the person who hears and instantly responds with enthusiasm. But there is no soil of character, and so when the emotions wear off and some difficulty arrives, there is nothing to show for it.

“The seed cast in the weeds is the person who hears the kingdom news, but weeds of worry and illusions about getting more and wanting everything under the sun strangle what was heard, and nothing comes of it.

“The seed cast on good earth is the person who hears and takes in the News, and then produces a harvest beyond his wildest dreams.”

Gospel Hymn: Wonderful Words of Life

Key of C

Sing them over again to me
Wonderful words of life
Let me more of their beauty see
Wonderful words of life
Words of life and beauty teach me faith and duty
Beautiful words, wonderful words
Wonderful words of life
Beautiful words, wonderful words
Wonderful words of life

Christ the blessed One, gives to all
wonderful words of life
Sinner, list to the loving call
Wonderful words of life
Oh, so freely given, wooing us to heaven
Beautiful words, wonderful words
Wonderful words of life
Beautiful words, wonderful words
Wonderful words of life

Sweetly echo the Gospel call
Wonderful words of life
Offer pardon and peace to all
Wonderful words of life
Jesus, only Saviour, sanctifying forever
Beautiful words, wonderful words
Wonderful words of life
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Wonderful words of life

Sermon Series: “Seeds & Weeds, Part 1: SOW WHAT?”

Prayers of the People

Closing Prayer / Benediction:

Creating God,
You have given seed to the sower
And bread to the people.
Nourish, protect, and bless
The Seeds which your people have sown in hope.
By your loving and bountiful giving,
May they bring forth their fruit in due season,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn: In the Bulb there is a Flower

Key of E (D 2nd fret)

1

In the bulb there is a flower;
in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

2

There's a song in every silence,
seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness,
bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;
what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

3

In our end is our beginning;
in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing;
in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection;
at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

