

**Order of service**  
**Sunday, August 2, 2020**

**Opening Song: Pride (In the name of love)**

(Key of D)

1

One man come in the name of love  
 One man come and go  
 One man come he to justify  
 One man to overthrow

Refrain

In the name of love  
 What more in the name of love?  
 In the name of love  
 What more in the name of love?

2

One man caught on a barbed wire fence  
 One man he resist  
 One man washed up on an empty beach  
 One man betrayed with a kiss

Refrain

In the name of love  
 What more in the name of love?  
 In the name of love  
 What more in the name of love?

3

Early morning, April four  
 Shot rings out in the Memphis sky  
 Free at last, they took your life  
 They could not take your pride

Refrain

In the name of love  
 What more in the name of love?  
 In the name of love  
 What more in the name of love?

Refrain  
 In the name of love  
 What more in the name of love?  
 In the name of love  
 What more in the name of love?

## Welcome

### Call to worship

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: A little seed lay fast asleep

(Tune: Kingsfold; Key of Em)

1

A little seed lay fast asleep  
 Beneath the earth's brown sod  
 But woke to life and hope when came  
 The wondrous touch of God  
 A sunbeam kissed the hidden spot,  
 And warmed its earthly bed;  
 The rain and dew gave kindly drink,  
 Till soon it raised its head.

2

Up, up it pressed its way above,  
 Up till the light was seen;  
 Then came the sun, and decked it all  
 In dainty garb of green.  
 It grew so straight, and tall, and fair,  
 Each day it would unfold;  
 The smiling sun placed on its head  
 The shining crown of gold.

3

At last it stood, with thousands more,  
 A golden ear of corn,  
 God's gift to us, our daily food,  
 From little seedling born.  
 So we all are the seeds God plants  
 Within His garden fair:  
 He loves and guards us every day;  
 We have God's constant care.

4

And we can grow so straight & pure,  
 So good and full of grace;  
 A crown of gold is ours, when we  
 Shall see the Saviour's face.  
 A little seed lay fast asleep  
 Beneath the earth's brown sod  
 But woke to life and hope when came  
 The wondrous touch of God

### **Opening prayer & Lord's Prayer Song**

#### **A time for all God's children**

#### **Hymn: Give me oil in my lamp**

(Key of C)

I

Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning  
 Give me oil in my lamp, I pray  
 Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning  
 Keep me burning till the break of day

#### **Refrain**

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna  
 Sing hosanna to the Servant King  
 Sing hosanna, sing hosanna  
 Sing hosanna, let us sing

2

Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising  
 Give me joy in my heart, I pray  
 Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising  
 Keep me praising till the break of day

3

Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving  
 Give me peace in my heart, I pray  
 Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving  
 Keep me loving till the break of day

4

Give me love in my heart, keep me serving  
 Give me love in my heart, I pray  
 Give me love in my heart, keep me serving  
 Keep me serving till the break of day

- \* Give me gas for my Ford, keep me truckin' for the Lord
- \* Give me wax for my Board, keep me surfen' for the Lord

### **Scripture: The parable of the wheat and thistles**

Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

Jesus told another story. "God's kingdom is like a farmer who planted good seed in his field. That night, while his hired men were asleep, his enemy sowed thistles all through the wheat and slipped away before dawn. When the first green shoots appeared and the grain began to form, the thistles showed up, too.

"The farmhands came to the farmer and said, 'Master, that was clean seed you planted, wasn't it? Where did these thistles come from?'

"He answered, 'Some enemy did this.'

"The farmhands asked, 'Should we weed out the thistles?'

"He said, 'No, if you weed the thistles, you'll pull up the wheat, too. Let them grow together until harvest time. Then I'll instruct the harvesters to pull up the thistles and tie them in bundles for the fire, then gather the wheat and put it in the barn.'"

Jesus dismissed the congregation and went into the house. His disciples came in and said, “Explain to us that story of the thistles in the field.”

So, he explained. “The farmer who sows the pure seed is the son of Man. The field is the world, the pure seeds are subjects of the kingdom, the thistles are subjects of the Devil, and the enemy who sows them is the Devil. The harvest is the end of the age, the curtain of history. The harvest hands are angels.

“The picture of thistles pulled up and burned is a scene from the final act. The Son of Man will send his angels, weed out the thistles from his kingdom, pitch them in the trash, and be done with them. They are going to complain to high heaven, but nobody is going to listen. At the same time, ripe, holy lives will mature and adorn the kingdom of their Father.

“Are you listening to this? Really listening?

### **Gospel hymn: More about Jesus**

(Key of G)

1

More about Jesus would I know,  
More of His grace to others show;  
More of His saving fullness see,  
More of His love Who died for me.

Refrain

More, more about Jesus,  
More, more about Jesus;  
More of his saving fullness see,  
More of his love Who died for me.

2

More about Jesus let me learn,  
More of His holy will discern;  
Spirit of God, my teacher be,  
Showing the things of Christ to me.

3

More about Jesus; in His Word,

Holding communion with my Lord;  
Hearing His voice in every line,  
Making each faithful saying mine.

4

More about Jesus; on his throne,  
Riches in glory all his own;  
More of his kingdom's sure increase;  
More of his coming, Prince of Peace.

## **Sermon: Seeds and weeds Part II**

### **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: Faith, while trees (5th verse is chorus)**

Words: VU 643

Tune: As the deer (VU 766)

(Key of D)

I

Faith, while trees are still in blossom,  
plans the picking of the fruit;  
faith can feel the thrill of harvest  
when the buds begin to sprout.

## Refrain

Faith believes that God is faithful:  
 God will be what God will be!  
 Faith accepts the call, responding,  
 'I am willing, Lord, send me.'

## 2

Long before the dawn is breaking,  
 faith anticipates the sun.  
 Faith is eager for the daylight,  
 for the work that must be done.

## Refrain

Faith believes that God is faithful:  
 God will be what God will be!  
 Faith accepts the call, responding,  
 'I am willing, Lord, send me.'

## 3

Long before the rains were coming,  
 Noah went and built an ark.  
 Abraham, the lonely migrant,  
 saw the light beyond the dark.

## Refrain

Faith believes that God is faithful:  
 God will be what God will be!  
 Faith accepts the call, responding,  
 'I am willing, Lord, send me.'

## 4

Faith, uplifted, tamed the water  
 of the undivided sea,  
 and the people of the Hebrews  
 found the path that made them free.

## Refrain

Faith believes that God is faithful:  
 God will be what God will be!

Faith accepts the call, responding,  
'I am willing, Lord, send me.'