

Order of Service
August 30, 2020

Opening Song: 10,000 reasons
(Key of G)

Refrain

Bless the Lord, O my soul O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

I

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes R

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find R

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

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: Nearer, My God, to thee (Key of D)

1

Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!
E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me,
still all my song shall be,
nearer, my God, to thee;
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

2

Though like the wanderer, the sun gone down,
darkness be over me, my rest a stone;
yet in my dreams I'd be
nearer, my God, to thee;
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

3

There let the way appear, steps unto heaven;
all that thou sendest me, in mercy given;
angels to beckon me
nearer, my God, to thee;
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

4

Then, with my waking thoughts bright with thy praise,
out of my stony griefs Bethel I'll raise;
so by my woes to be
nearer, my God, to thee;
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

5

Or if, on joyful wing cleaving the sky,
sun, moon, and stars forgot, upward I fly,
still all my song shall be,
nearer, my God, to thee;
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

Opening prayer & Lord's Prayer Song

A time for all God's children

Children's hymn: One more step along the world I go
(VU 639; Key of G)

I

One more step along the world I go,
one more step along the world I go,
from the old things to the new,
keep me travelling along with you.

Refrain

And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me travelling along with you.

2

Round the corner of the world I turn,
more and more about the world I learn;
all the new things that I see
you'll be looking at along with me. R

3

As I travel through the bad and good,
keep me travelling the way I should;
where I see no way to go
you'll be telling me the way, I know. R

4

Give me courage when the world is rough,
keep me loving though the world is tough,
leap and sing in all I do, keep me travelling along with you. R

5

You are older than the world can be,
you are younger than the life in me,
ever old and ever new,
keep me travelling along with you. R x 2

Scripture: Genesis 28: 10-19a

Jacob left Beersheba and went to Haran. He came to a certain place and camped for the night since the sun had set. He took one of the stones there, set it under his head and lay down to sleep. And he dreamed: A stairway was set on the ground and it reached all the way to the sky; angels of God were going up and going down on it.

Then God was right before him, saying, “I am God, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. I’m giving the ground on which you are sleeping to you and to your descendants. Your descendants will be as the dust of the Earth; they’ll stretch from west to east and from north to south. All the families of the Earth will bless themselves in you and your descendants. Yes. I’ll stay with you, I’ll protect you wherever you go, and I’ll bring you back to this very ground. I’ll stick with you until I’ve done everything I promised you.”

Jacob woke up from his sleep. He said, “God is in this place—truly. And I didn’t even know it!” He was terrified. He whispered in awe, “Incredible. Wonderful. Holy. This is God’s House. This is the Gate of Heaven.”

Jacob was up first thing in the morning. He took the stone he had used for his pillow and stood it up as a memorial pillar and poured oil over it. He christened the place Bethel (God’s House).

Gospel hymn: We are climbing Jacob's ladder

(Key of C)

1

We are climbing Jacob's ladder
We are climbing Jacob's ladder
We are climbing Jacob's ladder
Brothers, sisters, all

2

Every rung goes higher and higher
Every rung goes higher and higher
Every rung goes higher and higher
Brothers, sisters, all

3

Every new rung just makes us stronger
Every new rung just makes us stronger
Every new rung just makes us stronger
Brothers, sisters, all

4

We are dancing Sarah's circle,
We are dancing Sarah's circle,
We are dancing Sarah's circle,
We are brothers, and sisters, all

5

We are climbing higher and higher
We are climbing higher and higher
Yeah, we are climbing higher and higher
Brothers, sisters, all

6

We are climbing Jacob's ladder
Yeah, we are climbing Jacob's ladder
We are climbing Jacob's ladder
Brothers, sisters, all

Sermon

Prayers of the people

Benediction

Hymn: Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah (Key of G)

1

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.

2

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.

3

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.