

Order of service
Sunday, August 9, 2020

Opening song: "The middle"

by Jimmy Eat World
(Key of D)

1

Hey, don't write yourself off yet.
It's only in your head, you feel left out or looked down on.
Just try your best, try everything you can.
Don't you worry what they tell themselves
When you're away.

Refrain

It just takes some time,
Little girl you're in the middle of the ride,
Everything, everything will be just fine.
Everything, everything will be alright. (alright)

2

Hey, you know they're all the same.
You know you're doin' better on your own, so don't buy in.
Live right now, just be yourself.
It doesn't matter if it's good enough,
For someone else. R

3

Hey, don't write yourself off yet.
It's only in your head, you feel left out or looked down on.
Just do your best, (do your best)
Do everything you can (do everything you can)
Don't worry what their bitter hearts
Are gonna say R (x2)

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: For the beauty of the earth (VU 226; Key of D)

1

For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,

Refrain

God of all, to you we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

2

For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light R

3

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild R

4

For each perfect gift sublime
to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven R

Opening prayer & Lord's Prayer Song

A time for all God's children

Hymn: Seek ye first the kingdom of God (VU 356)

1

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and God's righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Hallelu, hallelujah.

2

Ask and it shall be given unto you;
seek and you shall find;
knock and the door shall be opened unto you.
Hallelu, hallelujah.

3

We do not live by bread alone,
but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of God.
Hallelu, hallelujah.

Scripture: The parables of mustard seed, yeast and others

Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

{31} Jesus put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; {32} it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." {33} He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

{44} "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

{45} "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; {46} on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

{47} "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; {48} when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad.

{49} So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous {50} and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. {51} "Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." {52} And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

Gospel hymn: In the garden

(Key of G)

1

I Come to the garden alone,
While the dew is still on the roses;
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear,
The son of God discloses.

And He walks with me,
and He talks with me.
And He tells me I am his own;
And the joy we share as we tarry there
None other has ever known.

2

He speaks and the sound of his voice
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing;
And the melody that He gave to me
Within my heart is ringing.

3

I'd stay in the garden with Him
Though the night around me be falling;
But he bids me go – through the voice of woe,
His voice to me is calling.

Sermon

God's garden: A kingdom of flowers

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: Soil of God, you and I (holy ground) (MV 175; Key of C)

1

Soil of God, you and I, stand ready to bear
seeds of faith nourished by God's tender care.
Growing in everyone for here God is found.
All stand together, we are...
Holy ground.

2

Soil of God, you and I, now ready to be
part of God's promise, for others to see.
Open to everyone for here God is found.
All stand together, we are...
Holy ground.

3

Soil of God, you and I, now called to re-birth,
joining as partners with all of the earth.
Living in harmony for here God is found.
All stand together, we are...
Holy ground.