

**Order of service**  
**September 13, 2020**

**Opening song: The field behind the plough**

*By Stan Rogers*

(Key of G)

1

Watch the field behind the plow turn to straight, dark rows  
Feel the trickle in your clothes, blow the dust cake from your nose  
Hear the tractor's steady roar, Oh you can't stop now  
There's a quarter section more or less to go

2

And it figures that the rain keeps its own sweet time  
You can watch it come for miles, but you guess you've got a while  
So ease the throttle out a hair, every rod's a gain  
And there's victory in every quarter mile

Refrain

Poor old Kuzyk down the road  
The heartache, hail and hoppers brought him down  
He gave it up and went to town  
And Emmett Pierce the other day  
Took a heart attack and died at forty-two  
You could see it coming on 'cause he worked as hard as you

3

In an hour, maybe more, you'll be wet clear through  
The air is cooler now, pull you hat brim further down  
And watch the field behind the plow turn to straight dark rows  
Put another season's promise in the ground

Refrain

And if the harvest's any good  
The money just might cover all the loans  
You've mortgaged all you own  
Buy the kids a winter coat  
Take the wife back east for Christmas if you can  
All summer she hangs on when you're so tied to the land

4

For the good times come and go, but at least there's rain  
So this won't be barren ground when September rolls around  
So watch the field behind the plow turn to straight dark rows  
Put another season's promise in the ground  
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## **Welcome**

### **Announcements & offering**

1. Hallville: UCW will be cancelled until Sunday 7 February 2021 due to Covid 19. If you have any questions, please contact Brenda Fawcett.

### **Invitation to the offering**

#### **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: Good news! Chariot's a comin'** (Key of G)

Good news, chariot's a coming  
Good news, chariot's a coming  
Good news, chariot's a coming  
Good news, chariot's a coming  
And I don't want it to leave me behind

There's a long wide robe in Heaven I know

There's a golden crown in Heaven I know

There's a starry crown in Heaven I know

There's a Golden harp in Heaven I know

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

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

### **Children's hymn: Jesus bids us shine** (VU 585; Key of G)

1

Jesus bids us shine with a pure, clear light,  
like a little candle burning in the night.  
In this world is darkness, so let us shine,  
you in your small corner, and I in mine.

2

Jesus bids us shine first of all for him;  
well he sees and knows it if our light grows dim:  
Jesus walks beside us to help us shine,  
you in your small corner, and I in mine.

3

Jesus bids us shine, then, for all around;  
many kinds of darkness in the world are found:  
sin, and want and sorrow; so we must shine,  
you in your small corner, and I in mine.

**Scripture: Matthew 18: 21-35**

*The Message version*

At that point Peter got up the nerve to ask, “Master, how many times do I forgive a brother or sister who hurts me? Seven?”

Jesus replied, “Seven! Hardly. Try seventy times seven.

“The kingdom of God is like a king who decided to square accounts with his servants. As he got under way, one servant was brought before him who had run up a debt of a hundred thousand dollars. He couldn’t pay up, so the king ordered the man, along with his wife, children, and goods, to be auctioned off at the slave market.

“The poor wretch threw himself at the king’s feet and begged, ‘Give me a chance and I’ll pay it all back.’ Touched by his plea, the king let him off, erasing the debt.

“The servant was no sooner out of the room when he came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him ten dollars. He seized him by the throat and demanded, ‘Pay up. Now!’

“The poor wretch threw himself down and begged, ‘Give me a chance and I’ll pay it all back.’ But he wouldn’t do it. He had him arrested and put in jail until the debt was paid. When the other servants saw this going on, they were outraged and brought a detailed report to the king.

“The king summoned the man and said, ‘You evil servant! I forgave your entire debt when you begged me for mercy. Shouldn’t you be compelled to be merciful to your fellow servant who asked for mercy?’ The king was furious and put the screws to the man until he paid back his entire debt. And that’s exactly what my Father in heaven is going to do to each one of you who doesn’t forgive unconditionally anyone who asks for mercy.”

## **Gospel hymn: Count your blessings**

(Key of C)

1

When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed  
When you are discouraged thinking all is lost  
Count your many blessings name them one by one  
And it will surprise you what the lord has done

Refrain

*Count your blessings*  
*Name them one by one*  
*Count your blessings*  
*See what God has done*  
*Count your blessings*  
*Name them one by one*  
*Count your many blessings*  
*See what God has done*

2

Are you ever burdened with a load of care?  
Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear?  
Count your many blessings every doubt will fly  
And you will keep singing as the days go by. R

3

When you look at others with their lands and gold,  
Think that Christ has promised you His wealth untold;  
Count your many blessings—money cannot buy  
Your reward in heaven, nor your home on high. R

4

So, amid the conflict whether great or small  
Do not be disheartened God is over all  
Count your many blessings Angels will attend  
Help and comfort give you to your journey's end. R

## **Prayer for understanding**

And may the words of my mouth...

## **Sermon**

## **Prayers of the people**

Refrain: MV 104

Mungu Ni Mwema (Know that God is Good)

Know that God is good  
Know that God is good  
Know that God is good  
God is good! God is Good

Mungu ni Mwema  
Mungu ni Mwema  
Mungu ni Mwema  
ni Mwema, ni Mwema

C'est vrai, Dieu est bon!  
C'est vrai, Dieu est bon!  
C'est vrai, Dieu est bon!  
Dieu est bon! Dieu est bon!

## **Benediction**

## **Closing song: All my life's a circle**

*By Harry Chapin*

(Key of C)

1

All my life's a circle, sunrise and sundown  
the moon rolls through the night time  
'till the daybreak comes around  
All my life's a circle, but I can't tell you why  
the seasons' spinning round again  
the years keep rolling by

Seems like I've been here before I can't remember when  
But I've got this funny feeling that we'll all be together again  
'Cause no straight lines make up my life  
And all my roads have bends  
There's no clearcut beginnings And, so far, no dead ends

I've found you a thousand times I guess you've done the same  
But then we'll lose each other it's just like a children's game  
But as I find you here again a thought runs through my mind  
Our Love is like a circle, let's go round one more time