

Order of service
September 27, 2020

Opening song: "On the turning away"
By Pink Floyd (Key of Em)

1

On the turning away
From the pale and downtrodden
And the words they say
Which we won't understand
"Don't accept that what's happening
Is just a case of others' suffering
Or you'll find that you're joining in
The turning away"

2

It's a sin that somehow
Light is changing to shadow
And casting it's shroud
Over all we have known
Unaware how the ranks have grown
Driven on by a heart of stone
We could find that we're all alone
In the dream of the proud

3

On the wings of the night
As the daytime is stirring
Where the speechless unite
In a silent accord
Using words you will find are strange
And mesmerized as they light the flame
Feel the new wind of change
On the wings of the night

4

No more turning away
From the weak and the weary
No more turning away
From the coldness inside
Just a world that we all must share
It's not enough just to stand and stare
Is it only a dream that there'll be
No more turning away?

Welcome

Announcements & offering

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Invitation to the offering

Prayer of dedication

Call to worship

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

Psalms 124:8

Hymn: Rejoice the Lord is King

(VU 213; Key of C, Chord found in VU)

1

Rejoice the Lord is King!
Your risen Lord adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing
and triumph evermore.

Refrain

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:
rejoice; again I say, rejoice!

2

Jesus the Saviour reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our sins,
he took his seat above. R

3

God's kingdom cannot fail;
Christ rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given. R

4

Rejoice in glorious hope,
for Christ, the judge, shall come
to glorify the saints
for their eternal home.
We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;
the trump of God shall sound, rejoice R

Opening prayer

Assurance of pardon

Lord's Prayer Song

A time for all God's children

Children's hymn: This little light of mine

1

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

2

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

3

In my brother's heart, I'm gonna let it shine,
In my brother's heart, I'm gonna let it shine
In my brother's heart, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

4

In my sister's soul, I'm gonna let it shine,
In my sister's soul, I'm gonna let it shine,
In my sister's soul, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

5

All around the world, I'm gonna let it shine
All around the world, I'm gonna let it shine
All around the world, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

6

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Scripture: Matthew 21: 23-32

The Message Version

True authority

Then Jesus was back in the Temple, teaching. The high priests and leaders of the people came up and demanded, “Show us your credentials. Who authorized you to teach here?”

Jesus responded, “First let me ask you a question. You answer my question and I’ll answer yours. About the baptism of John—who authorized it: heaven or humans?”

They were on the spot and knew it. They pulled back into a huddle and whispered, “If we say ‘heaven,’ he’ll ask us why we didn’t believe him; if we say ‘humans,’ we’re up against it with the people because they all hold John up as a prophet.” They decided to concede that round to Jesus. “We don’t know,” they answered. Jesus said, “Then neither will I answer your question.

“Tell me what you think of this story: A man had two sons. He went up to the first and said, ‘Son, go out for the day and work in the vineyard.’

“The son answered, ‘I don’t want to.’ Later on he thought better of it and went.

“The father gave the same command to the second son. He answered, ‘Sure, glad to.’ But he never went.

“Which of the two sons did what the father asked?”
They said, “The first.”

Jesus said, “Yes, and I tell you that crooks and [prostitutes] are going to precede you into God’s kingdom. John came to you showing you the right road. You turned up your noses at him, but the crooks and [prostitutes] believed him. Even when you saw their changed lives, you didn’t care enough to change and believe him.

Gospel hymn: I heard the voice of Jesus say
(VU 626; Key of EM)

1

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down
your head upon my breast.'

I came to Jesus as I was,
weary and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
and he has made me glad.

2

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one,
stoop down, and drink, and live.'
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

3

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your day be bright.'
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till travelling days are done.

Prayer for understanding

Sermon

Prayers of the people

Benediction

Closing song: Called by earth and sky
(MV 135, Key of C)

Refrain

Called by earth and sky,
promise of hope held high.
This is our sacred living trust,
treasure of life sanctified,
called by earth and sky.

1

Precious these waters, endless seas,
deep ocean's dream,
waters of healing, rivers of rain,
the wash of love again. R

2

Precious this gift, the air we breathe;
wind born and free.
Breath of the Spirit, blow through this place,
our gathering and our grace. R

3

Precious these mountains, ancient sands;
vast fragile land.
Seeds of our wakening, rooted and strong,
Creation's faithful song. R

4

Precious the fire that lights our way,
bright dawning day.
Fire of passion, sorrows undone,
our faith and justice one. R