

**Order for service**  
**October 18, 2020**

**Opening song: With or without You**

By U2 (Key of D [C 2nd fret])

See the stone set in your eyes  
See the thorn twist in your side  
I'll wait for you  
Sleight of hand and twist of fate  
On a bed of nails, you make me wait  
And I wait without you

Refrain  
With or without you  
With or without you

Through the storm, we reach the shore  
You give it all but I want more  
And I'm waiting for you

Refrain  
With or without you  
With or without you,  
I can't live With or without you  
And you give yourself away  
And you give yourself away  
And you give and you give  
And you give yourself away

My hands are tied  
My body bruised, you got me with  
Nothing to win and  
Nothing left to lose

Refrain  
And you give yourself away  
And you give yourself away  
And you give and you give  
And you give yourself away  
With or without you  
With or without you, oh  
I can't live With or without you  
With or without you  
With or without you, oh  
I can't live with or without you

With or without you

## **Announcements & offering**

### **Invitation to the offering**

### **Prayer of dedication**

### **Call to worship: Psalm 100**

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: All people that on Earth do dwell** (VU 822; Psalm 100) (Key of F [C 4th fret])

1

All people that on earth do dwell,  
sing out your faith with cheerful voice;  
delight in God whose praise you tell,  
whose presence calls you to rejoice.

2

Know that there is one God, indeed,  
who fashions us without our aid,  
who claims us, gives us all we need,  
whose tender care will never fade.

3

Enter the sacred gates with praise;  
with joy approach the temple walls.  
Extol and bless our God always  
as people whom the Spirit calls.

4

Proclaim again that God is good,  
whose mercy is forever sure,  
whose truth at all times firmly stood,  
and shall from age to age endure.

**Opening prayer and confession**

**Assurance of pardon**

**Lord's Prayer Song**

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

**Children's hymn: Over my head**  
(Key of G)

Over my head, I hear music in the air  
Over my head, I hear music in the air  
Over my head, I hear music in the air  
There must be a God somewhere!

Under my Feet, I hear music in the air  
Under my Feet, I hear music in the air  
Under my Feet, I hear music in the air  
There must be a God somewhere

Over my head under my feet...

**Scripture: Exodus 32: 1-14 “Make Gods for us”**  
***(The Message Bible)***

When the people realized that Moses was taking forever in coming down off the mountain, they rallied around Aaron and said, “Do something. Make gods for us who will lead us. That Moses, the man who got us out of Egypt—who knows what’s happened to him?”

So, Aaron told them, “Take off the gold rings from the ears of your wives and sons and daughters and bring them to me.” They all did it; they removed the gold rings from their ears and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from their hands and cast it in the form of a calf, shaping it with an engraving tool. The people responded with enthusiasm: “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up from Egypt!” Aaron, taking in the situation, built an altar before the calf. Aaron then announced, “Tomorrow is a feast day to God!”

Early the next morning, the people got up and offered Whole-Burnt-Offerings and brought Peace-Offerings. The people sat down to eat and drink and then began to party. It turned into a wild party!

God spoke to Moses, “Go! Get down there! Your people whom you brought up from the land of Egypt have fallen to pieces. In no time at all they’ve turned away from the way I commanded them: They made a molten calf and worshiped it. They’ve sacrificed to it and said, ‘These are the gods, O Israel, that brought you up from the land of Egypt!’”

God said to Moses, “I look at this people—oh! what a stubborn, hard-headed people! Let me alone now, give my anger free reign to burst into flames and incinerate them. But I’ll make a great nation out of you.”

Moses tried to calm his God down. He said, “Why, God, would you lose your temper with your people? Why, you brought them out of Egypt in a tremendous demonstration of power and strength. Why let the Egyptians say, ‘He had it in for them—he brought them out so he could kill them in the mountains, wipe them right off the face of the Earth.’ Stop your anger. Think twice about bringing evil against your people! Think of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants to whom you gave your word, telling them ‘I will give you many children, as many as the stars in the sky, and I’ll give this land to your children as their land forever.’”

And God did think twice. He decided not to do the evil he had threatened against his people.

**Gospel hymn: Great is thy faithfulness**

(VU 288; Key of D [chords in VU])

1

Great is thy faithfulness, God our creator;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided -  
great is thy faithfulness, ever to me!

2

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. R

3

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow  
wondrous the portion thy blessings provide. R

## **Prayer for understanding**

## **Sermon: Golden calf and golden shadows**

## **Prayers of the People**

## **Benediction**

## **Closing hymn: Spirit of God, come dwell within me** (Key of D)

**1**

Spirit of God, come dwell within me.  
Open my heart, O come set me free.  
Fill me with love for Jesus, my Lord.  
O fill me with living water.

### **Refrain**

Jesus is living, Jesus is here.  
Jesus, my Lord, come closer to me.  
Jesus, our saviour, dying for me,  
and rising to save his people

**2**

Lord, how I thirst, O Lord, I am weak.  
Lord, come to me, you alone do I seek  
Lord, you are life, and love and hope.  
O fill me with living water R

**3**

Lord, I am blind, O Lord, I can't see.  
Stretch out your hand, O Lord comfort me.  
Lead me your way in light and in truth  
O fill me with living water R