

Order of service
Sunday, October 25, 2020

Opening Song: Jumper
by Third Eye Blind

(Key of C)

1

I wish you would step back from that ledge, my friend
You could cut ties with all the lies that you've been living in
And if you do not want to see me again
I would understand I would understand

2

The angry boy, a bit too insane
Icing over a secret pain
You know you don't belong
You're the first to fight
You're way too loud
You're the flash of light on a burial shroud
I know something's wrong
Well, everyone I know has got a reason
To say, "Put the past away"

3

I wish you would step back from that ledge, my friend
You could cut ties with all the lies that you've been living in
And if you do not want to see me again
I would understand I would understand

4

Well, he's on the table and he's gone to code
And I do not think anyone knows
What they are doing here
And your friends have left you
You've been dismissed
I never thought it would come to this, and I, I want you to know
Everyone's got to face down the demons
Maybe today you can put the past away

5

I wish you would step back from that ledge, my friend
You could cut ties with all the lies that you've been living in
And if you do not want to see me again
I would understand I would understand I would understand
Can you put the past away

I wish you would step back from that ledge, my friend
I would understand (OVER and OVER)

Welcome & jokes

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: God who gives to life its goodness (VU 260; Key of C [chords in VU])

1

God who gives to life its goodness,
God creator of all joy,
God who gives to us our freedom,
God who blesses tool and toy:
teach us now to laugh and praise you,
deep within your praises sing,
till the whole creation dances
for the goodness of its king.

2

God who fills the earth with beauty,
God who binds each friend to friend,
God who names us co-creators
God who wills that chaos end:
grant us now creative spirits,
minds responsive to your mind,
hearts and wills your rule extending
all our acts by Love refined.

Opening prayer and confession

Assurance of pardon

Lord's Prayer Song

A time for all God's children

Children's hymn: When he cometh (Key of C)

1

When He cometh, when He cometh
To make up His jewels,
All His jewels, precious jewels,
His loved and His own.

Refrain

Like the stars of the morning,
His bright crown adorning,
They shall shine in their beauty,
Bright gems for His crown.

2

He will gather, He will gather
The gems for His kingdom;
All the pure ones, all the bright ones,
His loved and His own. R

3

Little children, little children,
Who love their Redeemer,
Are the jewels, precious jewels,
His loved and His own. R

Scripture: Matthew 22: 15-22

15 Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said.

16 So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality.

17 Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?"

18 But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites?"

19 Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius.

20 Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?"

21 They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's."

22 When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Gospel hymn: It is well with my soul

(Key of G)

1

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say,
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

Refrain

It is well, with my soul,
It is well, with my soul,
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

2

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul. R

3

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! R

4

And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul. R

Prayer for understanding

Sermon

Prayers of the people

Benediction

Closing hymn: O God, you gave your servant John (VU 718; Key of C, chords in VU)

1

O God, you gave your servant John
a vision of the world to come:
a radiant city filled with light,
where you with us will make your home;
where neither grief nor pain shall dwell,
since former things have passed away,
and where they need no sun nor moon;
your glory lights eternal day.

2

Our cities wear great shrouds of pain;
beneath our gleaming towers of wealth
the homeless crouch in rain and snow,
the poor cry out for strength and health.
Youth's hope is dimmed by ignorance;
unwilling, workers idled stand;
indifference walks unheeding by
as hunger stretches out its hand.

3

Come, Lord, make real John's vision fair;
come, dwell with us, make all things new;
we try in vain to save our world
unless our help shall come from you.
Come, strengthen us to live in love;
bid hatred, greed, injustice cease.
Your glory all the light we need,
let all our cities shine forth peace.