



the open door ~ praise & worship service
...in a religion born in a barn, an open door goes without saying
03.14.18 • 7:00 pm

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude "Alexi Murdoch - Something Beautiful"

Song: "Lord I Need You"

Centering Quote [Psalm 107:1-7]

Song: "Give thanks"

Hebrew Bible Reading "Numbers 21:4-9" [The Message]

The Snake of Fiery Copper

⁴⁻⁵They set out from Mount Hor along the Red Sea Road, a detour around the land of Edom. The people became irritable and cross as they traveled. They spoke out against God and Moses: "Why did you drag us out of Egypt to die in this godforsaken country? No decent food; no water—we can't stomach this stuff any longer."

⁶⁻⁷So God sent poisonous snakes among the people; they bit them and many in Israel died. The people came to Moses and said, "We sinned when we spoke out against God and you. Pray to God; ask him to take these snakes from us."

Moses prayed for the people.

⁸God said to Moses, "Make a snake and put it on a flagpole: Whoever is bitten and looks at it will live."

⁹So Moses made a snake of fiery copper and put it on top of a flagpole. Anyone bitten by a snake who then looked at the copper snake lived.

The World of God to the people of God! ***Thanks be to God!***

Epistle Reading "Ephesians 2:4-10" [The Inclusive Bible: The First Egalitarian Translation]

⁴But God, rich in mercy and loving us so much

⁵brought us to life in Christ, even when we were dead in our sins.

It is through this grace that we have been saved.

⁶God raised us up and, in union with Christ Jesus,

gave us a place in the heavenly realm,

⁷to display in ages to come

how immense are the resources of God's grace and kindness in Christ Jesus.

⁸And it is by grace that you have been saved,

through faith--and even that is not of yourselves, but the gift of God.

⁹Nor is it a reward for anything that you have done,

so nobody can claim the credit.

¹⁰We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus

to do the good things God created us to do from the beginning.

Listening for God's Message

Pastor Alex

Prayers of the People

Presentation of the Offerings

Call to Reconciliation

Unison Prayer for Forgiveness

[Silent prayers of confession are lifted...]

Assurance of Pardon

Holy Communion *[please refer to insert]*

Anthem "God So Loved the World"

Open Door Band

Song "Jesus Lover of My Soul"

Song: "When It's Been Said and Done"

Benediction & Passing the Peace

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