



*the open door ~ praise & worship service*  
*...in a religion born in a barn, an open door goes without saying*  
06.7.17 • 7:00 pm

## **welcome & announcements**

**song**                    "draw me closer"

**song**                    "God of wonders"

## **prayers of the people**

**gospel reading**            Matthew 6: 5-15 [MSG]            Stacey Didato

Pray with Simplicity

<sup>5</sup> "And when you come before God, don't turn that into a theatrical production either. All these people making a regular show out of their prayers, hoping for stardom! Do you think God sits in a box seat?"

<sup>6</sup> "Here's what I want you to do: Find a quiet, secluded place so you won't be tempted to role-play before God. Just be there as simply and honestly as you can manage. The focus will shift from you to God, and you will begin to sense his grace.

<sup>7-13</sup> "The world is full of so-called prayer warriors who are prayer-ignorant. They're full of formulas and programs and advice, peddling techniques for getting what you want from God. Don't fall for that nonsense. This is your Father you are dealing with, and he knows better than you what you need. With a God like this loving you, you can pray very simply. Like this:

Our Father in heaven,

Reveal who you are.

Set the world right;

Do what's best—

as above, so below.

Keep us alive with three square meals.

Keep us forgiven with you and forgiving others.

Keep us safe from ourselves and the Devil.

You're in charge!

You can do anything you want!

You're ablaze in beauty!

Yes. Yes. Yes.

<sup>14-15</sup> "In prayer there is a connection between what God does and what you do. You can't get forgiveness from God, for instance, without also forgiving others. If you refuse to do your part, you cut yourself off from God's part.

*The Word of God to the People of God!*

***Thanks be to God!***

***listening for God's message***

***presentation of the offerings***

***song***

"Hosanna"

***anthem***

"I can only imagine"

***song***

"sing for joy"

***benediction & passing the peace***

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 The Message (MSG)

<sup>16-18</sup> ***Be cheerful no matter what;***

***pray all the time;***

***thank God no matter what happens.***

***This is the way God wants you who belong to Christ Jesus to live.***

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