



*the open door ~ praise & worship service  
...in a religion born in a barn, an open door goes without saying*

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## **welcome & announcements**

### **song**

*"Come unto Me"*

### **song**

*"You Are the One"*

### **children's moment**

*"Keep your face forward"*

### **scripture reading**

*"Luke 9:51-62" (MSG)*

*<sup>51-54</sup> When it came close to the time for his Ascension, he gathered up his courage and steeled himself for the journey to Jerusalem.*

*He sent messengers on ahead.*

*They came to a Samaritan village to make arrangements for his hospitality.*

*But when the Samaritans learned that his destination was Jerusalem, they refused hospitality.*

*When the disciples James and John learned of it, they said,*

*"Master, do you want us*

*to call a bolt of lightning down out of the sky and incinerate them?"*

*<sup>55-56</sup> Jesus turned on them:*

*"Of course not!" And they traveled on to another village.*

*<sup>57</sup> On the road someone asked if he could go along.*

*"I'll go with you, wherever," he said.*

*<sup>58</sup> Jesus was curt: "Are you ready to rough it?"*

*We're not staying in the best inns, you know."*

*Jesus said to another, "Follow me."*

*<sup>59</sup> He said, "Certainly, but first excuse me for a couple of days, please.*

*I have to make arrangements for my father's funeral."*

*<sup>60</sup> Jesus refused. "First things first. Your business is life, not death.*

*And life is urgent: Announce God's kingdom!"*

*<sup>61</sup> Then another said, "I'm ready to follow you, Master,*

*but first excuse me while I get things straightened out at home."*

*<sup>62</sup> Jesus said, "No procrastination. No backward looks.*

*You can't put God's kingdom off till tomorrow. Seize the day."*

The Word of God to the faithful followers of Jesus!

**Thanks be to God!**

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

### **Wesley's Prayer of Covenant**

[*"A covenant with God"*. Methodist Church in Britain]

***I am no longer my own, but Yours.  
Put me to what You will, rank me with whom You will;  
put me to doing, put me to suffering;  
let me be employed for You, or laid aside for You,  
exalted for You, or brought low for You; let me be full,  
let me be empty, let me have all things, let me have nothing:  
I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things  
to Your pleasure and disposal.  
And now, glorious and blessed God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit, You are mine and I am Yours. So be it.  
And the covenant now made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven.  
Amen.***

### ***presentation of the offerings***

***song*** "Mighty to Save"

***song*** "God is Great"

***dance party with Jesus*** "For The Lord Our God Reigns"

### ***benediction & passing the peace***

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