



*the open door ~ praise & worship service*  
*...in a religion born in a barn, an open door goes without saying*  
07.05.17 • 7:00 pm

## **welcome & announcements**

**song** "Lord I Need You"

**song** "Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone"

**message on the steps** Matthew 10:40-42  
["Little Ones Welcomed" video by TWOTP]

**epistle reading** Romans 6:12-23 [MSG]

<sup>12</sup> Don't invite *that insufferable tyrant of sin* back into your mortal body so you won't become obedient to its *destructive* desires. <sup>13</sup> Don't offer your bodily members to sin's service as tools of wickedness; instead, offer your body to God as those who are alive from the dead, and devote the parts of your body to God as tools for justice *and goodness in this world*. <sup>14</sup> For sin is no longer a tyrant over you; indeed you are under grace and not the law.

<sup>15</sup> So what do we do now? Throw ourselves into lives of sin because we are cloaked in grace and don't have to answer to the law? Absolutely not!

<sup>16</sup> Doesn't it make sense that if you sign yourself over as a slave, you will have to obey your master? The question *before you is, What will be your master?* Will it be sin—which will lead to certain death—or obedience—which will lead to a right *and reconciled* life? <sup>17</sup> Thank God that your slavery to sin has ended and that *in your new freedom* you pledged your heartfelt obedience to that teaching which was passed on to you. <sup>18</sup> *The beauty of your new situation is this:* now that you are free from sin, you are free to serve a *different master, God's redeeming justice*.

<sup>19</sup> Forgive me for using casual language to compensate for your natural weakness of human understanding. *I want to be perfectly clear.* In the same way you gave your bodily members away as slaves to corrupt and lawless living and found yourselves deeper in your unruly lives, now devote your members as slaves to right *and reconciled* lives so you will find yourselves deeper in holy living. <sup>20</sup> In the days when you lived as slaves to sin, you had no obligation to

do the right thing. *In that regard, you were free.* <sup>21</sup> But what do you have to show from your former lives besides shame? The outcome of that life is death, *guaranteed.* <sup>22</sup> But now that you have been emancipated from the death grip of sin and are God's slave, you have a *different sort of life*, a growing holiness. The outcome of that life is eternal life. <sup>23</sup> The payoff for a life of sin is death, but God is offering us a free gift—eternal life through our Lord Jesus, the Anointed One, *the Liberating King.*

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

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

***presentation of the offerings***

***holy communion***

***song*** "Into The Deep"

***song*** "Mighty To Save"

***benediction & passing the peace***

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