



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

07.12.17 • 7:00 pm

welcome & announcements

song

"Arise"

song

"Who You Are"

prayers of the people

gospel reading

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 [MSG]

16-19 "How can I account for this generation?

The people have been like spoiled children whining to their parents,
'We wanted to skip rope, and you were always too tired;
we wanted to talk, but you were always too busy.'

John came fasting and they called him crazy.

I came feasting and they called me a lush, a friend of the riffraff.

Opinion polls don't count for much, do they?

The proof of the pudding is in the eating."

25-26 Abruptly Jesus broke into prayer:

"Thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth.

You've concealed your ways from sophisticates and know-it-alls,
but spelled them out clearly to ordinary people.

Yes, Father, that's the way you like to work."

27 Jesus resumed talking to the people, but now tenderly.

"The Father has given me all these things to do and say.

This is a unique Father-Son operation,

coming out of Father and Son intimacies and knowledge.

No one knows the Son the way the Father does,

nor the Father the way the Son does.
But I'm not keeping it to myself;
I'm ready to go over it line by line with anyone willing to listen.
28-30 "Are you tired? Worn out?
Burned out on religion?
Come to me.
Get away with me and you'll recover your life.
I'll show you how to take a real rest.
Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it.
Learn the unforced rhythms of grace.
I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you.
Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly."

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

message on the steps

"Lighten Your Load"

visual reflection

"Come to Me" [by the TWOTP]

listening for God's message

commissioning of UMARMY missionaries

presentation of the offerings

anthem

"Ya Mo Be There" by Michael McDonald

song

"You Shine"

song

"Bring It On" by The Planet Smashers

benediction & passing the peace

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