



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

08.02.17 • 7:00 pm

welcome & announcements

song

"As we Gather"

song

"Your love is Deep"

gospel reading

Matthew 13: 31-33 [NRSV] & 13:44-52 [MSG]

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

³¹ He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

The Parable of the Yeast

³³ He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

⁴⁴ "God's kingdom is like a treasure hidden in a field for years and then accidentally found by a trespasser. The finder is ecstatic—what a find!—and proceeds to sell everything he owns to raise money and buy that field.

⁴⁵⁻⁴⁶ "Or, God's kingdom is like a jewel merchant on the hunt for excellent pearls. Finding one that is flawless, he immediately sells everything and buys it.

⁴⁷⁻⁵⁰ "Or, God's kingdom is like a fishnet cast into the sea, catching all kinds of fish. When it is full, it is hauled onto the beach. The good fish

are picked out and put in a tub; those unfit to eat are thrown away. That's how it will be when the curtain comes down on history. The angels will come and cull the bad fish and throw them in the garbage. There will be a lot of desperate complaining, but it won't do any good."

⁵¹ Jesus asked, "Are you starting to get a handle on all this?" They answered, "Yes."

⁵² He said, "Then you see how every student well-trained in God's kingdom is like the owner of a general store who can put his hands on anything you need, old or new, exactly when you need it."

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

message on the steps "The Kingdom is Like Yeast"
[video: I love Lucy]

listening for God's message

presentation of the offerings

Holy Communion

anthem "All my Days"

song "Blessed Be Your Name"

song "Sing for Joy"

benediction & passing the peace

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