



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

08.31.16 • 7:00 pm

welcome & announcements

song "Mighty to Save"

prayer of invocation

song "Humble Thyself In the Sight of the LORD"

prayers of the people

scripture reading " "[MSG]

¹ One time when Jesus went for a Sabbath meal with one of the top leaders of the Pharisees, all the guests had their eyes on him, watching his every move.

Invite the Misfits

⁷⁻⁹ He went on to tell a story to the guests around the table.

Noticing how each had tried to elbow into the place of honor, he said, "When someone invites you to dinner, don't take the place of honor.

Somebody more important than you might have been invited by the host. Then he'll come and call out in front of everybody, 'You're in the wrong place.

The place of honor belongs to this man.'

Red-faced, you'll have to make your way to the very last table, the only place left.

¹⁰⁻¹¹ "When you're invited to dinner, go and sit at the last place.

Then when the host comes he may very well say, 'Friend, come up to the front.'

That will give the dinner guests something to talk about!

What I'm saying is, If you walk around with your nose in the air, you're going to end up flat on your face.

But if you're content to be simply yourself, you will become more than yourself."

¹²⁻¹⁴ Then he turned to the host.

"The next time you put on a dinner, don't just invite your friends and family and rich neighbors, the kind of people who will return the favor.

Invite some people who never get invited out,
the misfits from the wrong side of the tracks.
You'll be—and experience—a blessing.
They won't be able to return the favor,
but the favor will be returned—oh,
how it will be returned!—
at the resurrection of God's people."

The Mighty Word of God to the humble people of God!
Thanks be to God!

children's moment "Humility|Flexibility"
reflection "Great at Being Humble"
anthem "Beautiful Things"
presentation of the offerings
song "I Will Follow"
dance party with Jesus "Bring It On"
benediction & passing the peace