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

09.27.17 • 7:00 pm

welcome & announcements

song *"if we are the body"*

song *"breathe"*

prayers of the people

gospel reading Matthew 20:1-16 [MSG]

1-2 "God's kingdom is like an estate manager who went out early in the morning to hire
workers for his vineyard. They agreed on a wage of a dollar a day, and went to work.
3-5 "Later, about nine o'clock, the manager saw some other men hanging around the
town square unemployed. He told them to go to work in his vineyard and he would pay
them a fair wage. They went.
5-6 "He did the same thing at noon, and again at three o'clock. At five o'clock he went
back and found still others standing around. He said, 'Why are you standing around all
day doing nothing?'
7 "They said, 'Because no one hired us.'
"He told them to go to work in his vineyard.
8 "When the day's work was over, the owner of the vineyard instructed his foreman, 'Call
the workers in and pay them their wages. Start with the last hired and go on to the
first.'
9-12 "Those hired at five o'clock came up and were each given a dollar. When those who
were hired first saw that, they assumed they would get far more. But they got the
same, each of them one dollar. Taking the dollar, they groused angrily to the manager,
'These last workers put in only one easy hour, and you just made them equal to us, who
slaved all day under a scorching sun.'
13-15 "He replied to the one speaking for the rest, 'Friend, I haven't been unfair. We
agreed on the wage of a dollar, didn't we? So take it and go. I decided to give to the one
who came last the same as you. Can't I do what I want with my own money? Are you
going to get stingy because I am generous?'
16 "Here it is again, the Great Reversal: many of the first ending up last, and the last
first."

the Word of God to the people of God! ***thanks be to God!***

message on the steps

listening for God's message

presentation of the offerings

anthem ***"ya mo be there"***

song ***"God of the city"***

song ***"all about you"***

benediction & passing the peace

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