

February 21, 2021
Order of Service

Welcome and announcements
Concerns & celebrations

Warm-Up Song: "Unicorn song"

Irish Rovers
Key of F (D 3rd fret)

1.

A long time ago, when the Earth was green
There was more kinds of animals than you've ever seen
They'd run around free while the Earth was being born
And the loveliest of all was the unicorn

*There were green alligators and long-necked geese
Some humpty backed camels and some chimpanzees
Some cats and rats and elephants, as sure as you're born
But the loveliest of all was the unicorn*

2.

The Lord seen some sinning and it gave Him pain
And He says, "Stand back, I'm going to make it rain"
He says, "Hey brother Noah, I'll tell you what to do
Build me a floating zoo,

*and take some of those...
Green alligators and long-necked geese
Some humpty backed camels and some chimpanzees
Some cats and rats and elephants, as sure as you're born
Don't you forget my unicorns*

3.

Old Noah was there to answer the call
He finished up making the ark
just as the rain started falling
He marched in the animals two by two
And he called out as they came through

*Hey Lord, I've got green alligators and long-necked geese
Some humpty backed camels and some chimpanzees
Some cats and rats and elephants, but Lord, I'm so forlorn
I just can't see no unicorns"*

4.

Then Noah looked out through the driving rain
Them unicorns were hiding, playing silly games
Kicking and splashing while the rain was pourin'
Oh, them silly unicorns

*There was green alligators and long-necked geese
Some humpty backed camels and some chimpanzees
Noah cried, "Close the door because the rain is pourin'
And we just can't wait for no unicorns"*

5.

The ark started moving, it drifted with the tide
The unicorns looked up from the rocks and they cried
And the waters came down and sort of floated them away
And that's why you never seen a unicorn to this very day

*You'll see green alligators and long-necked geese
Some humpty backed camels and some chimpanzees
Some cats and rats and elephants, as sure as you're born
You're never gonna see no unicorns*

Call to worship: The ten commandments

I am the Lord your God: you shall have no other gods but me.
Lord, help us to love you
with all our heart, all our soul,
all our mind and all our strength.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.
Lord, help us to worship you
in spirit and in truth.

You shall not dishonour the name of the Lord your God.
Lord, help us to honour you
with reverence and awe.

Remember the Sabbath and keep it holy.
Lord, help us to remember Christ risen from the dead,
and to set our minds on things above,
not on things on the earth.

Honour your father and your mother.

Lord, help us to live as your servants,
giving respect to all,
and love to our brothers and sisters in Christ.

You shall not commit murder.

Lord, help us to be reconciled with each other,
and to overcome evil with good.

You shall not commit adultery.

Lord, help us to realize
that our body is a temple of the Holy Spirit.

You shall not steal.

Let us be honest in all we do,
and to care for those in need.

You shall not be a false witness.

Lord, help us always to speak the truth.

You shall not covet anything which belongs to your neighbour.

Lord, help us to remember Jesus said,
'It is more blessed to give than to receive',
and help us to love our neighbours as ourselves;
for his sake.

Introit: Holy Holy Holy

(VU 315; Key of D)

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.
Holy, Holy, Holy Merciful and Mighty.
God in three persons, blessed Trinity

Prayer and confession

Assurance of pardon

The Lord's Prayer Song

Invitation to the offering

Dedication of the offering

Hymn: When the wind of winter blows

(MV 71; Key of G)

1

When the wind of winter blows,
bringing times of solitude,
fill the silent icy night;
be our hearts' compassion.

Refrain

Holy Light, warm our night;
warm the time of winter.
Holy Light, warm our night;
warm the time of winter.

2

When we shiver in despair,
when the chill of death comes near,
hold us, Spirit, calm our fear,
while the evening deepens. R

3

When in days of fallen snow,
change confounds or love burns low,
from the ashes may there rise
phoenix of our growing. R

A time for all God's children

Children's hymn: We are a rainbow

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(Key of D)

1

There are many colours in a rainbow
All bound together as one
They are the promise of tomorrow
Our hope for all the days to come

Refrain

We are a rainbow, together we are a sign
We are a rainbow, to live for humankind
We are a rainbow, it's time for us to shine
We are a rainbow

2

We all are children of that promise
Made for the whole world around
Wherever love brings us together
A rainbow can be found R

3

So if you see the world around us
And wonder how it can be
Remember we were given us a promise
A hope for all the world to see R

4

There is one who brings out all our colors
And binds us together as one
Reaching out to our sisters and our brothers
We find our place in the sun R

Scripture: Genesis 9: 8-17

The Message

Then God spoke to Noah and his sons: “I’m setting up my covenant with you including your children who will come after you, along with everything alive around you—birds, farm animals, wild animals—that came out of the ship with you. I’m setting up my covenant with you that never again will everything living be destroyed by floodwaters; no, never again will a flood destroy the Earth.”

God continued, “This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and everything living around you and everyone living after you. I’m putting my rainbow in the clouds, a sign of the covenant between me and the Earth. From now on, when I form a cloud over the Earth and the rainbow appears in the cloud, I’ll remember my covenant between me and you and everything living, that never again will floodwaters destroy all life. When the rainbow appears in the cloud, I’ll see it and remember the eternal covenant between God and everything living, every last living creature on Earth.”

And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I’ve set up between me and everything living on the Earth.”

Gospel Hymn: Trusting Jesus

Key of G

1

Simply trusting every day,
trusting thru a stormy way
Even when my faith is small,
trusting Jesus that is all.

Refrain

*Trusting as the moments fly,
trusting as the days go by;
Trusting Him whate’er befall,
trusting Jesus that is all.*

2

Brightly doth his Spirit shine
into this poor heart of mine
While he leads I cannot fall,
trusting Jesus that is all. R

3

Singing if my way is clear,
praying if the path be drear;
If in danger, for Him call R
trusting Jesus that is all.

4

Trusting Him while life shall last,
Trusting Him till earth be past;
Till His gracious advent call,
Trusting Jesus, that is all. R

Sermon

Pastoral Prayer

Lord, Listen to Your Children
(VU 400; Key of Eb [D 1st fret])

Lord, Listen to your children praying.
Lord, send your Spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to your children praying
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

Benediction

Hymn: O Jesus I have promises

(VU 120; Key of F)

1

O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
remain for ever near me, my Saviour and my friend:
I shall not fear the journey if you are by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.

2

O let me feel you near me: the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me, around me and within;
but, Jesus, then draw nearer and shield my soul from sin.

3

O let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
now speak, and make me listen, O guardian of my soul.

4

O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you,
that where you are in glory your servant shall be too.
And Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my Saviour and my friend.