

Order of Service
May 9, 2021

Welcome

Announcements, Concerns & Celebrations

Warm-Up Song: You're really Godly (Apologetix)

A Parody of Van Halen/The Kinks "You Really Got Me"
(Proverbs 31:10-31, 1 Peter 3:3-4, Genesis 2:18-24)
Key of Am

Girl, you're really godly now
You're godly so much more than Wonder Woman
Girl, you're really godly now
Without Him no one can be that nice
Girl, you're really godly now
You probably know exactly where I'm goin', yeah

Oh, yeah, you're really godly now
You're Proverbs 31 -- you're that type
You're really godly - oh
You're really godly - oh oh
You're really godly

Please don't ever fret, baby
I know you wanna be my pure bride
Please don't ever fret, baby
The Holy One will be by your side
Girl, you're really godly now
You're godly though I know you're only human, yeah

Oh, yeah, you're really godly now
You're godly, so our kids they act right
You're really godly - uh huh
You're really godly - uh huh
You're really godly

Oh, don't go

Girl, you're really godly now
The God we serve He sure knows what He's doin'
Girl, you're really godly now
He brought me someone who's made just right
Girl, you're really godly now
You're godly so we both know where we're goin', yeah
Oh, yeah, you're really godly now
You're godly so I can't just backslide
You're really godly
You're really godly - ohhh
You're really godly
Oh oh oh!

Proverbs 31:30

Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting;
but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.

Call to worship -

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again
to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of the saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer and confession

Assurance of pardon

The Lord's prayer song

Invitation to the offering

Dedication of the offering

Hymn: I was there

(VU 644)

Key of G

1.

I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
to see your life unfold.

2.

I was there when you were but a child,
with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off
to find where demons dwell.

3.

When you heard the wonder of the word,
I was there to cheer you on;
you were raised to praise the living Lord,
to whom you now belong.

4.

If you find someone to share your time
and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme
from dusk till rising sun.

5.

In the middle ages of your life,
not too old, no longer young.
I'll be there to guide you through the night,
complete what I've begun.

6.

When the evening gently closes in
and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been
with just one more surprise.

7.

I was there to hear your bawling cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
to see your life unfold.

A time for all God's children

Children's hymn: Would you bless

(VU 556)

Key of D

1.

Would you bless our homes and families,
Source of life who calls us here;
in our world of stress and tension
teach us love that conquers fear.
Help us learn to love each other
with a love that constant stays;
teach us when we face our troubles,
love's expressed in many ways.

2.

When our way is undemanding,
let us use the time that's ours
to delight in simple pleasures,
sharing joys in gentle hours.
When our way is anxious walking
and a heavy path we plod,
teach us trust in one another
and in you, our gracious God.

3.

From the homes in which we're nurtured,
with the love that shapes us there,
teach us, God, to claim as family
every one whose life we share.
And through all that life may offer,
may we in your love remain;
may the love we share in families
be alive to praise your name.

4.

Let us reach beyond the boundaries
of our daily thought and care
till the family, you have chosen
spills its love out everywhere.
Help us learn to love each other
with a love that constant stays;
teach us when we face our troubles
love's expressed in many ways.

Scripture: John 15: 9-15 (NRSV)

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Gospel hymn: Motherhood, sublime eternal

This Hymn, written by Rev. J. S. Cutler, has its roots in the Mother-God theology of the 14th Century English mystic Dame Julian of Norwich. It was included in the 1941 Baptist/Disciples of Christ hymnal "Christian Worship". It's listed as "for Mother's Day", and puts an intriguing theological spin on this commercial holiday. It is interesting to note that folks in some Episcopal (Anglican) churches seem to groove on "Mothering Father" (taking "Mothering" as a better equivalent of "Merciful" in Hebrew, which is from the root "womb")

Key of F (tune: In the Bulb - VU 703)

1.

Motherhood, sublime, eternal,
lives in God's great heart of Love;
Ever holds us, safe enfolds us,
underneath, around, above;
Patient, tender, kind, forgiving,
though in devious paths we roam;
Gently chides us, ever guides us,
and all-loving, leads us home.

2.

Ev'ry wrong will sure be righted;
ev'ry evil swept away;
Truth upspringing, justice bringing,
ushers in the brighter day;
Mother calls her earthly children,
loves them, lifts them when they fall;
Striving, calling, fainting, falling,
Motherlove enfolds them all.

3.

God is love, and love forever
in the motherheart is blest;
Lives the longest, lifts the strongest,
far outreaching all the rest;
Not by might, and not by wisdom
comes our lifting from the sod:
Love's pure glory tells the story
in the Motherheart of God.

“And you, Jesus, sweet Lord, are you not also a mother? Truly, you are a mother, the mother of all mothers, who tasted death in your desire to give life to your children.”

-- St. Anselm (1033-1109, England)

Sermon

Pastoral Prayer

Benediction

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
through the blood of the eternal covenant,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;
Amen.

The Grace

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all evermore. Amen

Closing hymn: I see A new heaven
(VU 713)

Key of Eb (D with capo on 1st fret)

Refrain:

I see a new heaven.
I see a new earth
as the old one will pass away,
where the fountain of life flows
and without price goes
to all people who abide in the land.

1.

There, there on the banks of a river bright and free,
yielding her fruit, firm in her root,
the Tree of Life will be. R

2.

There, there where death dies and our lives are born again,
body and soul, struggling but whole
like flowers after the rain. R

3.

There, there where the darkness brings visions from above.
There where the night, bearing new light,
reveals the promise of love. R

4.

There, there where we work with the love of
healing hands.
Labour we must, true to our trust
to build a promised new land. R