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The Money Game

**Prelude – The Band**

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**Orientation – Amy Sens**

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"It takes generosity to discover the whole through others. If you realize you are only a violin, you can open yourself up to the world by playing your role in the concert."

— Jacques-Yves Cousteau

**Meditation – The Band**

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**Song – Give a Little Bit – Supertramp – The Band**

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Give a little bit  
Give a little bit of your love to me  
I'll give a little bit  
I'll give a little bit of my love to you  
There's so much that we need to share  
So send a smile and show you care

I'll give a little bit  
I'll give a little bit of my life for you  
So give a little bit  
Oh, give a little bit of your time to me  
See the man with the lonely eyes  
Oh, take his hand, you'll be surprised  
Oh, take it

Give a little bit  
Oh, give a little bit of your love to me  
I'll give a little bit  
I'll give a little bit of my life for you

Now's the time that we need to share  
So find yourself, we're on our way back home  
Oh, going home

Don't you need, don't you need to feel at home?  
Oh, yeah, we gotta sing  
Ooh, yeah, gotta get a feeling  
Ooh, yeah, come along too  
What a long ride  
Come a long way  
Sing it today

**Community Welcome**

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**Children's Sermon**

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**God Be In My Head**

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God be in my head  
God be in my words  
God be in my heart  
God be in my hands  
God be in my whole self

First Reading – Mysticism for Beginners – by Adam Zagajewski, translated by Clare Cavanagh

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The day was mild, the light was generous.  
The German on the café terrace  
held a small book on his lap.  
I caught sight of the title:  
Mysticism for Beginners.  
Suddenly I understood that the swallows  
patrolling the streets of Montepulciano  
with their shrill whistles,  
and the hushed talk of timid travelers  
from Eastern, so-called Central Europe,  
and the white herons standing—yesterday? the day before?—  
like nuns in fields of rice,  
and the dusk, slow and systematic,  
erasing the outlines of medieval houses,  
and olive trees on little hills,  
abandoned to the wind and heat,  
and the head of the Unknown Princess  
that I saw and admired in the Louvre,  
and stained-glass windows like butterfly wings  
sprinkled with pollen,  
and the little nightingale practicing  
its speech beside the highway,  
and any journey, any kind of trip,  
are only mysticism for beginners,  
the elementary course, prelude  
to a test that's been  
postponed.

Psalm 113

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REFRAIN: From the rising of the sun to its going down  
The name of the Lord is to be praised.

Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the Lord;  
praise the Name of the Lord.  
Let the Name of the Lord be blessed,  
from this time forth for evermore.  
From the rising of the sun to its going down  
let the Name of the Lord be praised.

REFRAIN

**The Lord is high above all nations,  
and his glory above the heavens.  
Who is like the Lord our God,  
who sits enthroned on high  
but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?      REFRAIN**

**He takes up the weak out of the dust  
and lifts up the poor from the ashes.  
He sets them with the princes,  
with the princes of his people.  
He makes the woman of a childless house  
to be a joyful mother of children.      REFRAIN**

**Prayers of the People – Amy Sens**

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**Song – Human Highway – Neil Young – The Band**

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**I come down from the misty mountain  
I got lost on the human highway  
Take my head refreshing fountain  
Take my eyes from what they've seen.  
Take my head and change my mind  
How could people get so unkind.**

**How could people get so unkind.  
Now, my name is on the line  
How could people get so unkind.**

**I come down from the crooked mansion  
I went lookin' for the D.J.'s daughter  
Since that day I heard it mentioned**

**I come down from the misty mountain  
I got lost on the human highway  
Take my head refreshing fountain  
Take my eyes from what they've seen.  
Take my head and change my mind  
How could people get so unkind.**

**That my name is on the line.  
Now, my name is on the line**

**Gospel Reading: Luke 16:1-13 (CEB)**

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Jesus also said to the disciples, "A certain rich man heard that his household manager was wasting his estate. He called the manager in and said to him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give me a report of your administration because you can no longer serve as my manager.'

"The household manager said to himself, What will I do now that my master is firing me as his manager? I'm not strong enough to dig and too proud to beg. I know what I'll do so that, when I am removed from my management position, people will welcome me into their houses.

"One by one, the manager sent for each person who owed his master money. He said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He said, 'Nine hundred gallons of olive oil.' The manager said to him, 'Take your contract, sit down quickly, and write four hundred fifty gallons.' Then the manager

said to another, 'How much do you owe?' He said, 'One thousand bushels of wheat.' He said, 'Take your contract and write eight hundred.'

"The master commended the dishonest manager because he acted cleverly. People who belong to this world are more clever in dealing with their peers than are people who belong to the light. I tell you, use worldly wealth to make friends for yourselves so that when it's gone, you will be welcomed into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful with little is also faithful with much, and the one who is dishonest with little is also dishonest with much. If you haven't been faithful with worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? If you haven't been faithful with someone else's property, who will give you your own? No household servant can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be loyal to the one and have contempt for the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

### **What Would You Give in Exchange for Your Soul? – The Band**

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**Brother afar from the savior today  
Risking your soul for the things that decay  
Oh, if today God should call you away  
What would you give  
in exchange for your soul**

**What would you give (in exchange)  
What would you give (in exchange)  
What would you give  
in exchange for your soul**

**Oh, if today God should call you away  
What would you give  
in exchange for your soul**

**Mercy is calling won't you give heed  
Must the dear Savior still tenderly plead  
Risk not your soul, it is precious indeed  
What would you give  
in exchange for your soul**

**More than the silver and gold of this earth  
More than all jewels the spirit is worth  
God the creator has given His word  
What would you give  
in exchange for your soul**

### **A Discussion – Amy Sens**

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#### **Offering**

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### **I'll Stand By You – The Pretenders – The Band**

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**Oh, why you look so sad?  
Tears are in your eyes  
Come on and come to me now  
Don't be ashamed to cry  
Let me see you through**

**'Cause I've seen the dark side too  
When the night falls on you  
You don't know what to do  
Nothing you confess  
Could make me love you less**

I'll stand by you  
I'll stand by you  
Won't let nobody hurt you  
I'll stand by you

So if you're mad, get mad  
Don't hold it all inside  
Come on and talk to me now  
Hey, what you got to hide?  
I get angry too

Well I'm a lot like you  
When you're standing at the crossroads  
And don't know which path to choose  
Let me come along  
'Cause even if you're wrong

I'll stand by you  
I'll stand by you  
Won't let nobody hurt you  
I'll stand by you  
Take me in, into your darkest hour  
And I'll never desert you  
I'll stand by you

And when  
When the night falls on you, baby  
You're feeling all alone  
You won't be on your own

I'll stand by you  
I'll stand by you  
Won't let nobody hurt you

I'll stand by you  
Take me in, into your darkest hour  
And I'll never desert you  
I'll stand by you  
I'll stand by you  
Won't let nobody hurt you  
I'll stand by you  
Won't let nobody hurt you  
I'll stand by you  
I'll stand by you  
I'll stand by you  
Won't let nobody hurt you  
I'll stand by you  
Take me in, into your darkest hour  
And I'll never desert you  
I'll stand by you

## **Celebration of Eucharist**

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*All are welcome at the Eucharistic table. If you do not wish to partake, feel free to come forward for a blessing, or to take this time for meditation and personal reflection.*

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

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## **Announcements**

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**Prayer & Blessing – Amy Sens**

**Song – Wonderful World, Beautiful People – Jimmy Cliff – The Band**

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Wonderful world, beautiful people  
You and your girl, things could be pretty  
But underneath this there is a secret  
That nobody can reveal

Take a look at the world  
And the state that it's in today  
I am sure you'll agree  
We all could make it a better way  
With our love put together  
Everybody learn to love each other  
Instead of fussing and fighting  
Cheating but biting  
Scandalizing and hating

Baby, we could have a wonderful world, beautiful people  
You and your girl things could be pretty  
But underneath this there is a secret  
That nobody can reveal, yeah now

Man and woman, girl and boy  
Let us try to give a helping hand  
This I know and I'm sure  
That with love we all could understand  
This is our world, can't you see  
Everybody wants to live and be free  
Instead of fussing and fighting  
Cheating but biting  
Scandalizing and hating, yeah

We could have a wonderful world, beautiful people  
You and your girl things could be pretty  
But underneath this there is a secret  
That nobody can reveal, mmh yeah, yeah  
Talking about the wonderful world, beautiful people  
You and your girl, talking about you,  
Things could be pretty, talking about me

Wonderful world, talking about Nixon  
Beautiful people, Harold Wilson  
Wonderful world, Pompidou  
Beautiful people, and Kosygin  
Wonderful world, beautiful people  
Wonderful world, beautiful people

Dismissal

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