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These days it's easy to see life the way we want to.

We can filter our images, pick the news we want to hear, and listen only to the viewpoints that agree with us. When we do that, we start to distort our view of the world. The same thing can happen to our view of God. We reshape our perception of Him into what we want to believe, or what we want to think about others. Jesus came to bring us the truth about God and His plan for us, and it doesn't always sound like what you may think.

Things Jesus Never Said

Order Of Service

Opening Litany...

- L Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
C **to the house of the God of Jacob.**
- L That he may teach us his ways;
C **that we may walk in his paths.**
- L For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
C **and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.**
- L The Lord will be our everlasting light,
C **and our God will be our glory.**

Opening Song ...

Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
calling for you and for me.
See, on the portals he's waiting and watching,
watching for you and me.

*Refrain: Come home, come home!
You who are weary, come home.
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling,
"O sinner, come home!"*

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,
Mercies for you and for me? *Refrain*

Oh, for the wonderful love he has promised,
promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,
Pardon for you and for me. *Refrain*

The Prayer of the Day

God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading ... Ephesians 4: 21-24

Second Reading ... John 8: 1-11

Hymn ...

Children of the Heavenly Father

**Children of the heav'nly Father
safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven
such a refuge e'er was given.**

**God his own doth tend and nourish,
in his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them,
in his mighty arms he bears them.**

Message

Do What Makes You Happy

Hymn ...

Children of the Heavenly Father

**Neither life nor death shall ever
from the Lord his children sever;
unto them his grace he showeth,
and their sorrows all he knoweth.**

**Though he giveth or he taketh,
God his children ne'er forsaketh;
his the loving purpose solely
to preserve them pure and holy.**

Offering

Prayers

(Each petition ends with this response:)

L Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Benediction

Closing Song ...

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

**My faith looks up to thee,
thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine!**

**Now hear me while I pray,
take all my guilt away,
oh, let me from this day
be wholly thine!**

**May thy rich grace impart
strength to my fainting heart,
my zeal inspire;
as thou hast died for me,
oh, may my love to thee
pure, warm, and changeless be,
a living fire!**

While life's dark maze I tread
and griefs around me spread,
 be thou my guide;
 bid darkness turn to day,
 wipe sorrow's tears away,
 nor let me ever stray
 from thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream,
when death's cold, sullen stream
 shall o'er me roll;
 blest Savior, then, in love
 fear and distrust remove;
 oh, bear me safe above,
 a ransomed soul!



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