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Is Jesus out of his mind?

Call to Worship

Psalm 138

I give you thanks, O LORD,

with my whole heart I sing your praise.

I worship you and give thanks to your name

for your stead-fast love and your faithfulness;

for you have made your name and your word great —

above everything.

On the day I called, you answered me,

you gave me encouragement – strength deep within my being.

Let all the rulers of the earth praise you, O LORD,

in response to the words of your mouth;

and let them sing of the ways of the LORD,

for great is the glory of the LORD.

Welcome and Notices

Song

10000 Reasons

Matt Redmond

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul Worship God's holy name

Sing like never before O my soul I'll worship God's holy name.

1 The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

2 You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

3 And on that day when my strength is failing
 The end draws near and my time has come
 Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
 Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Centring

Scripture Mark 3:20-35

Song **Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise** Walter Chalmers Smith
 (refer to attached song sheet)

Hearing the Word Geoff Hurst

Song **God. Version 1.0** Robin Mann

1 I don't believe in a God up in the sky
 Who sits in heaven and never hears me cry
 I don't believe in a God who's far away
 I believe in Jesus living here with us today

2 I don't believe in a watchmaker above
 Set this world going but now is not involved
 Who from a distance is watching as we fall
 I believe in Jesus' God who suffers with us all

3 I don't believe in a God who keeps a shop
 Who checks each item and puts a price on top
 Who wants a dividend on each investment made
 God is always giving and refuses to be paid

4 I don't believe in a tyrant on a throne
 Who wants to punish us for every wrong we've done
 Who keeps a tally of each mistake and crime
 God wants to have mercy on us each and every time.

5 I don't believe in a patriarchal chief
 A judge who never had mercy on a thief
 The Lord and Master who must be waited on
 God is mother-sister just as much as father-son

6 God is beside us God has no other home
 No other family we are God's flesh and bone
 He-she is with us and with all humankind
 Loving her creation always occupies his mind

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

David Sorril

O God, you love us like a good parent, and are present in every aspect of our existence. May your nature become known and respected by all. May your joy, peace, wholeness and justice be the reality for everyone as we live by the Jesus Way. Give us all that we really need to live every day for you. And forgive us our failures as we forgive others for their failures. Keep us from doing those things which are not of you, and cause us always to be centered on your love. For you are the true reality in this our now, and in all our future. In the Jesus Way we pray. Amen.

Song **May our lives and our prayers be one.**
 (refer to attached song sheet)

Gathering our Gifts

Sending Out

Song **What a friend we have in Jesus.** Joseph Scriven
 (refer to attached song sheet)

Scripture Mark 3:20-35

and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, 'He has gone out of his mind.' And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, 'He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.' And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

'Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin'— for they had said, 'He has an unclean spirit.'

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, 'Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.' And he replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking at those who sat around him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.'

[You are invited to light a candle as you leave the sanctuary.]
