

**ORDER OF
OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE**

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GREETING

PRELUDE AND SILENT PRAYER

Improvisation on *I Love to Tell the Story*

Monique Weiss Byrnes (b.1963)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Refrain

So rise and shine and give God the glory, glory

Rise and shine and give God the glory, glory

Rise and shine and (clap) give God the glory, glory, children of the Lord.

The Lord said to Noah there's gonna be a floody, floody,
The Lord said to Noah there's gonna be a floody, floody,
Get my children (clap) out of the muddy, muddy
Children of the Lord.

Refrain

So Noah, he built them, he built them an arc-y arc-y
So Noah, he built them, he built them an arc-y arc-y
Built it out of (clap) hickory bark-y, bark- y
Children of the Lord.

Refrain

The animals they came, they came in by two-sies, two-sies
The animals they came, they came in by two-sies, two-sies
Elephants and (clap) kangaroosies, roosies
Children of the Lord

Refrain

The sun came out and dried of the land-y
 The sun came out and dried of the land-y
 Everything was (clap) fine and dandy, dandy
 Children of the Lord

Refrain

RESPONSORIAL READING—*adapted from Lin-Manuel Miranda*

Let me tell you what I wish I'd known when I was young and dreamed of glory. You have no control.

Who lives, who dies, who tells [the] story?

And when you're gone, who remembers your name? Who keeps your flame?

Who lives, who dies, who tells [the] story?

And when my time is up, have I done enough? It is only a matter of time.

Who lives, who dies, who tells [the] story?

HYMN *You are Salt for the Earth, O People* vv. 1 & 2 181 (NCH)

You are salt for the earth O people: salt for the reign of God!
 Share the flavor of life, O people: life in the City of God!

Refrain

Bring forth the reign of mercy, bring forth the reign of peace;
 Bring forth the reign of justice, bring forth the City of God!

You are a light on the hill, O people: light for the City of God!
 Shine so holy and bright, O people: shine for the City of God!

Refrain

SCRIPTURE Daniel 3:16-28

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to present a defense to you in this matter. If our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire and out of your hand, O king, let him deliver us. But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods and we will not worship the golden statue that you have set up."

Nebuchadnezzar was filled with rage against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego that he ordered the furnace heated up seven times more than was customary and ordered some of the strongest guards in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and to throw them into the furnace of blazing fire. So the men were bound, still wearing their tunics, trousers, hats, and other garments, and they were thrown into the furnace of blazing fire. Because the king's command was urgent and the furnace was so overheated, the raging flames killed the men who lifted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. But the three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell down, bound, into the furnace of blazing fire.

Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished. He said to his counselors, "Was it not three men that we threw bound into the fire?" They answered the king, "True, O king." He replied, "But I see four men unbound, walking in the middle of the fire, and they are not hurt; and the fourth has the appearance of a god. Nebuchadnezzar then approached the door of the furnace of blazing fire and said, "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!" So Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came out from the fire. The governors and the king's counselors gathered together and saw that the fire had not had any power over the bodies of those men; the hair of their heads was not singed, their tunics were not harmed, and not even the smell of fire came from them. Nebuchadnezzar said, "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent his angel and delivered his servants who trusted in him. They disobeyed the king's command and yielded up their bodies rather than serve and worship any god except their own God."

ANTHEM **Improvisation on *Jacob's Ladder***
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MESSAGE **The Power of Story**

HYMN ***You Are Salt for the Earth, O People*** **vs. 3 181 (NCH)**

You are a seed of the Word, O people: bring forth the reign of God!
 Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice, grow in the City of God!

Refrain

CALL TO PRAYER AND SILENCE Prayer song - ***Dona Nobis Pacem*** **Chalice 297**

LORD'S PRAYER **Chalice 307**

OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN *You Are Salt for the Earth, O People* vs. 4 181 (NCH)

We are a blessed and a pilgrim people: bound for the reign of God!

Love our journey and love our homeland: love is the City of God!

Refrain

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fugue in C Major from The Well-Tempered Clavier

Johann Sebastian Bach, (1685-1750)

Musician: Monique Weiss Byrnes