

WELCOME TO...  
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***WHEN THE WORLD REJECTS YOU***

Often you think when you're rejected that you are not good enough, but the truth is they weren't ready for all you have to offer.

"Does it have had some hard lessons with this one, but it is so clear that it taught me not to take things so personally, because when the stuff happens it's nothing against you. Sometimes a person is just going through things in their life and though you have inspired them to shift in a more positive direction, "all an exposure" to the person who inspired them, can be overlaid and therefore NOT in their best interests to deal with that person. So most times we inspire someone and it automatically ceases a shift or need, we should keep in mind that this happened because you did have a positive effect. It did not happen because "you did everything wrong" or because "the other person is being a massive head". And if we can see it this way, then we will not be adding resistance to their pushing away from us. What we need, probably, is when we resist their pushing, it creates more pushing. But when we see the value in it, then they may or may not return to our life. But there is a far better chance of them returning if we respect their right to go explore their own path without us, than there would be if we try to cling to them out of fear of abandonment." -Dave Keiser

Call to Worship: *Sing praises to the LORD, and give thanks to God's holy name for the LORD our God has healed us when we cried for help and restored us in times of deepest despair. The LORD has turned our sorrow into dancing; taken our sackcloth from us, and clothed us with joy. Sing to the LORD without end, and give thanks to the LORD for ever.*

Hymn: Jesus the Christ said:

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Gathering Prayer: *Most gracious and loving God, we have tasted your goodness in days gone by and it has satisfied us, but now with this new day we turn to you again for the bread of life that you have prepared for us and for the wine of the Spirit that you pour out for your people. Help us Lord, to empty ourselves of those things that hinder us from knowing the fullness of your love and fill us with those things that tend to make us all that you want us to be. We need your presence Lord. We need your anointing. Touch us, we pray, and make us whole. We ask it through Christ Jesus your Son. Amen*

Hymn: Jesus' hands were kind hands

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**A reading from the scriptures Mark 6:1-13** He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Hymn: Sometimes a healing word is comfort (1-3)

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**A story: The story of Charles Schultz (as told by Garrison Keilor)**

Charles Schultz first presented the concept for what became the most popular cartoon ever to the local newspaper in his hometown of St. Paul and was rejected. It wasn't imaginative, clever, or very funny, the editor of his hometown newspaper told him. The sculpture is a reminder, Keilor said, that your hometown can do that to you on occasion. Sometimes we miss something important and lifesaving, something beautiful, something life changing because it is so ordinary, so familiar.

**Conversation:** *Barbara Brown Taylor says, "God is all around us, speaking to us through the most unlikely people. Sometimes it is a mysterious stranger, but more often, I suspect, it is people so familiar that we simply overlook them—our own children and parents, our own friends and neighbors, all those hometown prophets who challenge us and love us and tell us who we are" (Bread of Angels).*

We all have a hometown - the place where we spent time growing up, coming of age, discovering who we were meant to be. For some of us it was a wonderful experience; for others, the memories of that time and place are difficult and painful. If you left that place, you know it is never quite the same when you return. Sometimes welcomes are warm and wonderful, other returns are met with blank stares or perhaps even hostility. "Jesus came to his hometown," found the people there were incredulous, even going so far as to take offense at him, and there he invoked the old saying regarding prophets and their hometown welcomes.

Hymn: Oh, I know the Lord's laid his hand **579**

**Invitation to the Table: What do you bring to Christ's table?** *We bring bread, made by many people's work from an unjust world where some have plenty and most go hungry. At this table, all are fed and no one turned away.*

**Thanks be to God.** *What do you bring to Christ's table? We bring wine, made by many people's work from an unjust world where some have leisure and most struggle to survive. At this table, all share the cup of pain and celebration And no one is denied. **Thanks be to God.** *These gifts shall be for us the body and blood of Christ, Our witness against hunger, our cry against injustice, and our hope for a world where God is fully known and every**

*child is fed.* **Thanks be to God.**  
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~ written by Brian

Hymn: Broken for me (1-2) **550**

Prayer of Thanksgiving: *The Lord is here. God's spirit is with us. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give thanks and praise. Creator God, we give you thanks for healing and restoration (prayer continues) . Healing God, we give you thanks for all that we remember of the story of Jesus - your birth, your life, your death and resurrection. Sustaining God, we give you thanks for the eternal presence of your Spirit with us, surrounding us and filling us with Divine life. May this meal restore us to health and wholeness and inspire us to join more joyfully with you as you work for peace and justice in the world. Amen.*

Hymn: Broken for me (3-4) **550**

**Communion**

**Prayer following communion:** *Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your spirit to give ourselves for others. We offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work for your praise and glory.*

Hymn: For the bread which you have broken (1 and 4) **549**