the pilgrim on the journey...
knowing the God has the mountains...
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Lighting of the Fires

Leader/All

We light a fire in the name of the Maker,
Who lit the world and breathed the breath of life for us...

We light a fire in the name of the Son,
Who saved the world and stretched out his hand to us...

We light a fire in the name of the Spirit,
Who encompasses the world
and blesses our souls with yearning...
Lighting of the Fires

Leader/All

We light three fires for the trinity of love: God above us, God beside us, God beneath us: The beginning, the end, the everlasting one.
Who are these “kids with no religion” (i.e., post-Christian/post-religious emerging generations?)

“This is a hymn for the hymnless, kids with no religion
Yeah, we keep on sinning, yeah, we keep on singing
Flying down the highway, backseat of the Hyundai
Pull it to the front, let it run, we don’t valet
Sorry if you’re starstruck, blame it on the stardust
I know that I’m perfect, even though I’m fucked up
Hymn for the hymnless, don’t need no forgiveness
’Cause if there’s a heaven, don’t care if we get in
This is a hymn, hymn, hymn for how we live, live, live”

Kesha, “Hymn for the Hymnless” ([lyrics](#); [lyric video](#); [official video](#); cf. ‘Praying’ video)
What hope is there for “kids with no religion, who know they’re perfect, even though they’re f***ed up,” ... for whom “even if there’s a ‘heaven,’ don’t care if we get in”?

And what kind of message and messaging could cut through the cynicism?

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Call to Worship

[Leader] “Christ is risen!”

[Together] “He is risen indeed!”
Call to Worship

We gather: a community of faith in God’s subversive kingdom. We gather to celebrate that no darkness can extinguish light, to remember that love will always be more powerful than death, and to trust that peace will always be stronger than violence.

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Your Story
What does ‘witness’ look like for you?

How do you share the gospel?

OR

What’s one doubt you must probe?

OR

Tell a story of why & how a young person you love left their faith

*The Incredulity of Saint Thomas (Caravaggio study)*
(Michael Miller | online [here](#))
Confession

Wondrous God, we confess that at times our doubts and fears override our hope and faith. Forgive us when we lose sight of the joy of Your love and instead fall into despair and gloom.

[A few moments of silence for confession]

God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.
Confession

Lift up our spirits, Lord, and help us to remember the promise of new life here and now, not just the hope of resurrection for the future.
We give thanks for Your Son, Jesus the Christ, who continues to offer us new life, who continues to turn us around and upside down, who continues to break down the walls of death in our own life.
Forgive us, restore us and renew us. In the name of our risen Saviour, Jesus the Christ, we pray. Amen.
Assurance of Pardon

The tomb is empty. The stone is rolled away. There is no darkness now, only light. God continues to renew us and restore us. We are forgiven, loved and restored, receiving the gift and promise of new life and resurrection to rise with our scarred Saviour. Go and share the wondrous news of God’s love in Jesus the Christ. Amen.
The Big Story
Designed for Good
Damaged by Evil
Restored for Better
Sent to Heal
Everything Set Right...

This is your story...
It's our story...
...It's God's big story
Theological Critique:
thruth, goodness, beauty?

Cultural Critique:
Does it connect? With whom?

What would you change, and
what can you use in your own way?

Watch #FallingPlates
Watch this viral (4 minute) video about LIFE, DEATH, and the LOVE of a Savior. By the end of
this short film, your faith will grow stronger. Afterward, you will receive a free special
resource for continuing your spiritual journey. Watch it. Share it.
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L6 Faith and doubt in a perilous world

L7 The sign and contradiction of the community of faith

L8 Symbols and countersigns of spirituality
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**Question** / what didn’t make sense?

**Challenge** / what did you think was wrong?

**Implication** / what wisdom does this offer for being a holistic witness to a post-Christian generation?

**Application** / how might this help us share the good news of God’s reign?
When religious words are exhausted, yet we’re anxious for real hope, how do we share the wonder of our world reborn when centred on Christ?

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NOTICE
To whom is the Spirit drawing your attention—your *one* person as intentional witness?

Wait on the Lord, and watch closely this week to discern what they want/desire.

Pray
Care
Share
2. Pray

Ask for God’s heart for the person you noticed last week. *Write their name on the palm* of your hand each day to remind you to pray, for they’re precious to their heavenly dad.

Lift up their brokenness and disenchantment, their desires and dreams, to the Lord. Ask that he will draw them, and use you to convey hope amidst anxiety and despair.

1. Notice

3. Care

4. Share
SONG | Jesus Loves Me

PRAYER | For those who’ve walked away & need Jesus’ Love
Where is this Jesus, the one you call Messiah?

*Christ is Risen!*
*Christ is here among us!*

I do not see him. I don’t believe you.

*[LOUDER] Christ is Risen!*
*Christ is here among us!*

Let me see his body, his hands and his feet.

*We are Christ’s body; We are Christ’s feet.*
You see the suffering in the world? Where is Jesus now?

*We are going into the world to be the body of Christ.*

Let us go together, let us partner with others.

*For we are the body of Christ: let us share the Good News!*

Amen.
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