

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP OUTLINE  
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OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Lent calls us to journey, this and every day,  
following Jesus wherever he leads us.

**P: Lent calls us to journey:  
to the place where God covenants with us,  
to receive the new names we are given.**

L: Lent calls us to worship together,  
to tell future generations the good news.

**P: Lent calls us to practice justice,  
to bring God's hope to all people.**

L: Lent calls us to faithful living,  
to trust the One who gives us life.

**P: Lent calls each of us to take up our cross,  
to trust the One who bears it with us.**

L: Lent calls us to journey with God.

**P: Let us worship God, who walks with us,  
this and every day.**

HYMN

Are Ye Able 530

"Are ye able," said the Master,  
"to be crucified with me?"  
"Yea," the sturdy dreamers answered,  
"to the death we follow thee."

(Refrain)

Lord, we are able. Our spirits are thine.  
Remold them, make us, like thee, divine.  
Thy guiding radiance above us shall be  
a beacon to God, to love, and loyalty.

Are ye able to remember,  
when a thief lifts up his eyes,  
that his pardoned soul is worthy  
of a place in paradise?

(Refrain)

Lord, we are able. Our spirits are thine.  
Remold them, make us, like thee, divine.  
Thy guiding radiance above us shall be  
a beacon to God, to love, and loyalty.

Are ye able when the shadows  
close around you with the sod,  
to believe that spirit triumphs,  
to commend your soul to God?

(Refrain)

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Remold them, make us, like thee, divine.  
Thy guiding radiance above us shall be  
a beacon to God, to love, and loyalty.

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Are ye able? Still the Master  
whispers down eternity,  
and heroic spirits answer,  
now as then in Galilee.

(Refrain)

Lord, we are able. Our spirits are thine.  
Remold them, make us, like thee, divine.  
Thy guiding radiance above us shall be  
a beacon to God, to love, and loyalty.

## TIME OF PRAYER

### UNISON PRAYER

O God, who makes all things new,  
new stars, new dust, new life;  
take my heart,  
every hardened edge and measured beat,  
and create something new in me.  
I need your newness, God,  
the rough parts of me made smooth;  
the stagnant, stirred;  
the stuck, freed;  
the unkind, forgiven.  
And then, by the power of your Spirit,  
I need to be turned toward Love again. Amen.

### TIME OF SILENT PRAYER (MUSIC)

### LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in

heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and glory forever.  
Amen.

## LESSON I

I Samuel 19:1-7

- <sup>1</sup> Saul ordered his son Jonathan and all his servants to kill David, but Jonathan, Saul's son, liked David very much.
- <sup>2</sup> So Jonathan warned David, "My father Saul is trying to kill you. Be on guard tomorrow morning. Stay somewhere safe and hide.
- <sup>3</sup> I'll go out and stand by my father in the field where you'll be. I'll talk to my father about you, and I'll tell you whatever I find out."
- <sup>4</sup> So Jonathan spoke highly about David to his father Saul, telling him, "The king shouldn't do anything wrong to his servant David, because he hasn't wronged you. In fact, his actions have helped you greatly.
- <sup>5</sup> He risked his own life when he killed that Philistine, and the Lord won a great victory for all Israel. You saw it and were happy about it. Why then would you do something wrong to an innocent person by killing David for no reason?"
- <sup>6</sup> Saul listened to Jonathan and then swore, "As surely as the Lord lives, David won't be executed."
- <sup>7</sup> So Jonathan summoned David and told him everything they had talked about. Then Jonathan brought David back to Saul, and David served Saul as he had previously.

Liturgist says: "May God add a Blessing to this Reading."

\*HYMN

Come and Find the Quiet Center 2128

Come and find the quiet center  
In the crowded life we lead  
Find the room for hope to enter  
Find the frame where we are freed  
Clear the chaos and the clutter  
Clear our eyes that we can see  
All the things that really matter  
Be at peace and simply be

Silence is a friend who claims us  
Cools the heat and slows the pace  
God it is who speaks and names us  
Knows our being touches base  
Making space within our thinking  
Lifting shades to show the sun  
Raising courage when we're shrinking  
Finding scope for faith begun

In the Spirit let us travel  
Open to each other's pain  
Let our lives and fears unravel  
Celebrate the space we gain  
There's a place for deepest dreaming  
There's a time for heart to care  
In the Spirit's lively scheming  
There is always room to spare

\*LESSON 2

I Samuel 24:1-22

**24** <sup>[a]</sup> Even as Saul returned from pursuing the Philistines, he was informed that David was in the En-gedi wilderness. <sup>2</sup> So Saul took three

thousand men selected from all Israel and went to look for David and his soldiers near the rocks of the wild goats. <sup>3</sup> He came to the sheep pens beside the road where there was a cave. Saul went into the cave to use the restroom.<sup>[b]</sup> Meanwhile, David and his soldiers were sitting in the very back of the cave.

<sup>4</sup> David's soldiers said to him, "This is the day the Lord spoke of when he promised you, 'I will hand your enemy over to you, and you can do to him whatever you think best.'" So David snuck up and cut off a corner of Saul's robe. <sup>5</sup> But immediately David felt horrible that he had cut off a corner of Saul's robe.<sup>[c]</sup>

<sup>6</sup> "The Lord forbid," he told his men, "that I should do something like that to my master, the Lord's anointed, or lift my hand against him, because he's the Lord's anointed!" <sup>7</sup> So David held his soldiers in check by what he said,<sup>[d]</sup> and he wouldn't allow them to attack Saul. Saul then left the cave and went on his way.

<sup>8</sup> Then David also went out of the cave and yelled after Saul, "My master the king!" Saul looked back, and David bowed low out of respect, nose to the ground.

<sup>9</sup> David said to Saul, "Why do you listen when people say, 'David wants to ruin you'? <sup>10</sup> Look! Today your own eyes have seen that the Lord handed you over to me in the cave. But I refused<sup>[e]</sup> to kill you. I spared you, saying, 'I won't lift a hand against my master because he is the Lord's anointed.' <sup>11</sup> Look here, my protector! See the corner of your robe in my hand? I cut off the corner of your robe but didn't kill you. So know now that I am not guilty of wrongdoing or rebellion. I haven't wronged you, but you are hunting me down, trying to kill me. <sup>12</sup> May the Lord judge between me and you! May the Lord take vengeance on you for me, but I won't lift a hand against you. <sup>13</sup> As the old proverb goes, 'Evil deeds come from evildoers!' but I won't lift a hand against you. <sup>14</sup> So who is Israel's king coming after? Who are you chasing? A dead dog? A single flea? <sup>15</sup> May the Lord be the judge and decide between you and me. May he see what has happened, argue my case, and vindicate me against you!"

<sup>16</sup> As soon as David finished saying all this to Saul, Saul said, “David, my son, is that your voice?” Then he broke down in tears, <sup>17</sup> telling David, “You are more righteous than I am because you have treated me generously, but I have treated you terribly. <sup>18</sup> Today you’ve told me the good you have done for me—how the Lord handed me over to you, but how you didn’t kill me. <sup>19</sup> When someone finds an enemy, do they send the enemy away in peace? May the Lord repay you with good for what you have done for me today. <sup>20</sup> Now even I know that you will definitely become king, and Israel’s kingdom will flourish in your hands. <sup>21</sup> Because of that, make a solemn pledge to me by the Lord that you won’t kill off my descendants after I’m gone and that you won’t destroy my name from my family lineage.”

<sup>22</sup> David made a solemn pledge to Saul. Then Saul went back home, but David and his soldiers went up to the fortress.

L: This is the Word of God for all people.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

“Going high when things are low”

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.

(Prayer: unison)

God of the wilderness,

We give these offerings in gratitude,  
rejoicing in the abundance of your gifts to us.

We give these offerings in faith,  
trusting that you will provide for our needs.

We give these offerings in hope,  
knowing you can use them to spread your love in this world.

And with these offerings, we give ourselves;

May we live with generous hearts, with open hands. Amen

\*CLOSING HYMN

Blest Be the Tie That Binds 557

Blest be the tie that binds  
our hearts in Christian love;  
the fellowship of kindred minds  
is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne  
we pour our ardent prayers;  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,  
our comforts and our cares.

We share each other's woes,  
our mutual burdens bear;  
and often for each other flows  
the sympathizing tear.

When we asunder part,  
it gives us inward pain;  
but we shall still be joined in heart,  
and hope to meet again.



\*BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

May You Run and Not Be Weary 2281

May you run and not be weary

May your heart be filled with song

And may the love of God

Continue to give you hope

And keep you strong

And may you run and not be weary

May your life be filled with joy

And may the road you travel

Always lead you home