

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP OUTLINE
March 22, 2020



OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

L1: The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt - a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord.

P: Come Holy Spirit and lead us.

L2: Lead us in the Way. The Way Christ walked:

**P: The Way of change and testing,
the Way of the desert and the wilderness.**

L1: But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

P: Come Holy Spirit and make us your own.

L2: Lead us in the Way. The Way Christ walked:

**P: The Way of new learning and questioning,
the Way of the River Jordan and the Upper Room.**

*L1: No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other,
"Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to
the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and
remember their sin no more. (Jeremiah 31:31-34)*

P: Come Holy Spirit and shape us anew.

L2: Lead us in the Way. The Way Christ walked:

**P: The Way of joy in life and sacrifice,
the Way of the Creation and the Cross.**

HYMN

By the Babylonian Rivers 2217

By the Babylonian rivers we sat down in grief and wept;
Hung our harps upon the willow, mourned for Zion when we slept.

There our captors in derision did require of us a song;
So we sat with staring vision, and the days were hard and long.

How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange and bitter land;
Can our voice veil the sorrow? Lord God, help your holy band.

TIME OF PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER

We step into Lent, O God
and we are faced with real desolation.

Hear us as we pray at this time
prayers that groan in our souls,

that know God doesn't mean someone who steps in
and sorts it all out like some tooth fairy,
but that you stand in the desolation and weep
at loss and suffering and all that brings it.

and so we pray for the people of the world
not knowing what else we can do,
but live in relationship with silence,
that we may we feel our humanity with each other
for the sake of that humanity.

and in places of conflict
and the continual suffering there,
in the places of trepidation and fear in the face of the unknown,
stand by us Lord, that we would not lose heart.

God
may we hold your silence
that speaks into this week
may we recognize who we have become
in the conflicts and fears of this week.
May we perceive ourselves as we really are
compared to creation's power.

And bring those people
who hold us in that life
in relationships with each other
our family and friends
those ill and those recovering
those worried and those anxious.

Hear us O God as we pray
that we return to right relationships
with the world and with each other.

So be it, 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.

HYMN

We are the Church 558

(Refrain)

I am the church! You are the church!
We are the church together!
All who follow Jesus, all around the world!
Yes, we're the church together!

The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple,
The church is not a resting place, the church is a people.

(Refrain)

I am the church! You are the church!
We are the church together!
All who follow Jesus, all around the world!
Yes, we're the church together!

We're many kinds of people, with many kinds of faces,
All colors and all ages too, from all times and places.

(Refrain)

I am the church! You are the church!
We are the church together!
All who follow Jesus, all around the world!
Yes, we're the church together!

Sometimes the church is marching, sometimes it's bravely burning,
Sometimes it's riding, sometimes hiding, always it's learning.

(Refrain)

I am the church! You are the church!
We are the church together!
All who follow Jesus, all around the world!
Yes, we're the church together!
And when the people gather, there's singing and there's praying,
There's laughing and there's crying sometimes, all of it saying:

(Refrain)

I am the church! You are the church!
We are the church together!
All who follow Jesus, all around the world!
Yes, we're the church together!

At Pentecost some people received the Holy Spirit
And told the Good News through the world to all who would hear it.

(Refrain)

I am the church! You are the church!
We are the church together!
All who follow Jesus, all around the world!

Yes, we're the church together!

LESSON

2 Samuel: 7-17

⁷ When the king was settled in his palace, and the Lord had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies, ² the king said to the prophet Nathan, "Look! I'm living in a cedar palace, but God's chest is housed in a tent!"

³ Nathan said to the king, "Go ahead and do whatever you are thinking, because the Lord is with you."

⁴ But that very night the Lord's word came to Nathan: ⁵ Go to my servant David and tell him: This is what the Lord says: You are not the one to build the temple for me to live in. ⁶ In fact, I haven't lived in a temple from the day I brought Israel out of Egypt until now. Instead, I have been traveling around in a tent and in a dwelling. ⁷ Throughout my traveling around with the Israelites, did I ever ask any of Israel's tribal leaders I appointed to shepherd my people: Why haven't you built me a cedar temple?

⁸ So then, say this to my servant David: This is what the Lord of heavenly forces says: I took you from the pasture, from following the flock, to be leader over my people Israel. ⁹ I've been with you wherever you've gone, and I've eliminated all your enemies before you. Now I will make your name great—like the name of the greatest people on earth. ¹⁰ I'm going to provide a place for my people Israel, and plant them so that they may live there and no longer be disturbed. Cruel people will no longer trouble them, as they had been earlier, ¹¹ when I appointed leaders over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies.

And the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make a dynasty for you. ¹² When the time comes for you to die and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your descendant—one of your very own children—to succeed you, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³ He will build a temple for my name, and I will establish his royal throne

forever. ¹⁴ I will be a father to him, and he will be a son to me. Whenever he does wrong, I will discipline him with a human rod, with blows from human beings. ¹⁵ But I will never take my faithful love away from him like I took it away from Saul, whom I set aside in favor of you. ¹⁶ Your dynasty and your kingdom will be secured forever before me. Your throne will be established forever.
¹⁷ Nathan reported all of these words and this entire vision to David.

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

P: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

“The courage to Listen”

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

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