

WORSHIP HANDOUT  
April 26, 2020  
Native American Awareness Sunday



OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: God, we find you in the strangest places;

**P: You find us when we least expect it.**

L: Christ comes to the disciples when they feel their journey is over.

**P: Jesus seeks us out when we feel we've lost him.**

L: God helps us despite our disbelief and sense of loss.

**P: God shows us a new way to celebrate together, even when we feel we've lost sight of him.**

HYMN

Open My Eyes, That I May See 454

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me;  
place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.

Refrain

Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear;  
and while the wave-notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.

Refrain

Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere;  
open my heart and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.

Refrain

Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

## TIME OF PRAYER

### UNISON PRAYER

We need your presence on the long road, Lord:  
the road between fear and hope,  
the road between the place where all is lost  
and the place of resurrection.

Like the disciples walking the road to Emmaus,  
we are in need of your company!

Jesus, stand among us in your risen power;  
let this time of worship be a hallowed hour. 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

Luke 24:13-35

<sup>13</sup> On that same day, two disciples were traveling to a village called  
Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> They were talking to  
each other about everything that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were

discussing these things, Jesus himself arrived and joined them on their journey. <sup>16</sup> They were prevented from recognizing him.

<sup>17</sup> He said to them, “What are you talking about as you walk along?” They stopped, their faces downcast.

<sup>18</sup> The one named Cleopas replied, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who is unaware of the things that have taken place there over the last few days?”

<sup>19</sup> He said to them, “What things?”

They said to him, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth. Because of his powerful deeds and words, he was recognized by God and all the people as a prophet. <sup>20</sup> But our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him. <sup>21</sup> We had hoped he was the one who would redeem Israel. All these things happened three days ago. <sup>22</sup> But there’s more: Some women from our group have left us stunned. They went to the tomb early this morning <sup>23</sup> and didn’t find his body. They came to us saying that they had even seen a vision of angels who told them he is alive. <sup>24</sup> Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women said. They didn’t see him.”

<sup>25</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “You foolish people! Your dull minds keep you from believing all that the prophets talked about. <sup>26</sup> Wasn’t it necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” <sup>27</sup> Then he interpreted for them the things written about himself in all the scriptures, starting with Moses and going through all the Prophets.

<sup>28</sup> When they came to Emmaus, he acted as if he was going on ahead. <sup>29</sup> But they urged him, saying, “Stay with us. It’s nearly evening, and the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup> After he took his seat at the table with them, he took the bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> Their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he disappeared from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They said to each other, “Weren’t our hearts on fire when he spoke to us along the road and when he explained the scriptures for us?”

<sup>33</sup> They got up right then and returned to Jerusalem. They found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup> They were saying to each other, “The Lord really has risen! He appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup> Then the two disciples described what had happened along the road and how Jesus was made known to them as he broke the bread.

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

**P: Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE                      “Learning to Cast: Lessons from my Grandfather”

HYMN    Crown Him with Many Crowns 327

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.  
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o’er the grave,  
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.  
His glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high,  
who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways  
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise.  
His reign shall know no end, and round his pierced feet  
fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,  
Those wound, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;  
thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

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)

Lord, we place much upon the altar for you,  
but most of all we ask that we could place ourselves upon the altar.  
Help us to be people of generosity.  
As we gather and strive to live more fully as your disciples,  
May we allow you to fully enter our hearts and lives. 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.