WORSHIP HANDOUT September 13, 2020 Series: Stories from the Ship



OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PA to have outdoor "office hours" on Wednesdays from 9-12 each week. This week he'll be at Hope. Next week he'll be at Hathaway. Drive Through Communion is today! September 15th Bible Study continues on Zoom on Tuesday evenings.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP L: To leave the safe sheltered quay; to rest while strong men fear; to doze through a storm at sea: who is this Jesus?

P: To display the might of the meek; to sleep while threats are near; to dream while fierce gales peak: who is this Jesus?

L: To know what keeps you afloat; to let another hand steer; to be safe in a foundering boat: who is this Jesus?

P: To be see when there's no light; to trust when nothing's clear; to confront the powers of night:

who is this Jesus?

L: To speak the word that saves; to know God is even here; to command the wind and the waves:

All: who is this Jesus?

HYMN

Nearer my God to Thee 528 v I, 2, 5

TIME OF PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER

Feed us now, Child of God, as you fed your first disciples.

Feed us with that soul-food which nurtures enough love within us to outstrip the fears and enmity that ties the world up in knots.

Feed us with that spiritual bread which strengthens our hands for serving those broken and lost people whom this world deems a waste of space.

Feed us, so that we may be fulfilled with some of that joy which the universe cannot contain. For your love's sake. 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

LESSON I CEB

Psalm 103

Let my whole being bless the Lord!

Let everything inside me bless his holy name!

- ² Let my whole being bless the Lord
 - and never forget all his good deeds:
- ³ how God forgives all your sins, heals all your sickness,
- ⁴ saves your life from the pit, crowns you with faithful love and compassion,
- ⁵ and satisfies you with plenty of good things so that your youth is made fresh like an eagle's.
- ⁶ The Lord works righteousness; does justice for all who are oppressed.
- ⁷ God made his ways known to Moses; made his deeds known to the Israelites.
- ⁸ The Lord is compassionate and merciful, very patient, and full of faithful love.
- ⁹ God won't always play the judge; he won't be angry forever.
- ¹⁰ He doesn't deal with us according to our sin or repay us according to our wrongdoing,
- ¹¹ because as high as heaven is above the earth, that's how large God's faithful love is for those who honor him.
- ¹² As far as east is from west that's how far God has removed our sin from us.
- ¹³ Like a parent feels compassion for their children that's how the Lord feels compassion for those who honor him.

¹⁴ Because God knows how we're made, God remembers we're just dust.

¹⁵ The days of a human life are like grass: they bloom like a wildflower;

¹⁶ but when the wind blows through it, it's gone; even the ground where it stood doesn't remember it.

¹⁷ But the Lord's faithful love is from forever ago to forever from now for those who honor him.

And God's righteousness reaches to the grandchildren

¹⁸ of those who keep his covenant and remember to keep his commands.

¹⁹ The Lord has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all.

²⁰ You divine messengers,

bless the Lord!

You who are mighty in power and keep his word,

who obey everything he says,

bless him!

²¹ All you heavenly forces, bless the Lord!

All you who serve him and do his will,

bless him!

²² All God's creatures,

bless the Lord!

Everywhere, throughout his kingdom,

let my whole being

bless the Lord!

LESSON 2 CEB

Matthew 8:23-27

When Jesus got into a boat, his disciples followed him. 24 A huge storm arose on the lake so that waves were sloshing over the boat. But Jesus was asleep. 25 They came and woke him, saying, "Lord, rescue us! We're going to drown!" 26 He said to them, "Why are you afraid, you people of weak faith?" Then he got up and gave orders to the winds and the lake, and there was a great calm.

27 The people were amazed and said, "What kind of person is this? Even the winds and the lake obey him!"

L: This is the Word of God for all people. **P: Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

"Still in the boat?!"

HYMN

The Old Rugged Cross 504

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; UMH 95

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

L: Giving is not a casual act—

it relates God's work to our work.

Peter writes:

"as each has received a gift,

employ it for one another,

as good stewards of God's varied grace,

that God may be glorified through Jesus Christ."

Let us give as people

whose work is inextricably linked to God's great works of creation, redemption and empowerment.

Unison: Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift, teach us to give to you all that we have and all that we are, that we may praise you not with our words only, but with our whole lives.

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

God be with you till we Meet Again 672 v 2 God be with you till we meet again; neath his wings securely hide you, Daily manna still provide you; God be with you till we meet again. Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet; Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.