

WORSHIP HANDOUT

October 11, 2020

Series: Hold On...



OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bible Study continues on Zoom on Tuesday evenings.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

We don't always know what time it is,
but according to Jesus, it is time to watch.
We're not always sure what we should wear,
but according to the Spirit,
we should wear garments of Light.
We're not always sure what we should do,
But according to God,
we should always seek good for those around us.

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I WILL CALL UPON THE LORD 2002 TFWS
HOW GREAT THOU ART V I 77 UMH

TIME OF PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER

God of wrath and thunder, (Exodus 20:18)
who hates those things which destroy his creation
and harms his creatures,
who shows us through his prophets
the way of peace with each other,

and who in Jesus Christ the corner stone
gave us the new foundation of love;
save us from the self righteousness
that leads us to rely on our own resources,
and from making ourselves immune
to the challenge of those who are different.
Give us the courage
to give away those things which make us count
so that only Christ will count with us;
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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

NANCY HOFFMAN

LESSON I CEB

Philippians 3:4b-14

**If anyone else has reason to put their confidence in physical
advantages, I have even more:**

⁵ I was circumcised on the eighth day.

I am from the people of Israel and the tribe of Benjamin.

I am a Hebrew of the Hebrews.

With respect to observing the Law, I'm a Pharisee.

⁶ With respect to devotion to the faith, I harassed the church.

With respect to righteousness under the Law, I'm blameless.

⁷ These things were my assets, but I wrote them off as a loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ But even beyond that, I consider everything a loss in comparison with the superior value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. I have lost everything for him, but what I lost I think of as sewer trash, so that I might gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him. In Christ I have a righteousness that is not my own and that does not come from the Law but rather from the faithfulness of Christ. It is the righteousness of God that is based on faith. ¹⁰ The righteousness that I have comes from knowing Christ, the power of his resurrection, and the participation in his sufferings. It includes being conformed to his death ¹¹ so that I may perhaps reach the goal of the resurrection of the dead.

¹² It's not that I have already reached this goal or have already been perfected, but I pursue it, so that I may grab hold of it because Christ grabbed hold of me for just this purpose. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I myself don't think I've reached it, but I do this one thing: I forget about the things behind me and reach out for the things ahead of me. ¹⁴ The goal I pursue is the prize of God's upward call in Christ Jesus.

LESSON 2 CEB

Matthew 21:33-46

“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a tower. Then he rented it to tenant farmers and took a trip. ³⁴ When it was time for harvest, he sent his servants to the tenant farmers to collect his fruit. ³⁵ But the tenant farmers grabbed his servants. They beat some of them, and some of them they killed. Some of them they stoned to death.

³⁶ “Again he sent other servants, more than the first group. They treated them in the same way. ³⁷ Finally he sent his son to them. ‘They will respect my son,’ he said.

³⁸ **“But when the tenant farmers saw the son, they said to each other, ‘This is the heir. Come on, let’s kill him and we’ll have his inheritance.’** ³⁹ **They grabbed him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.**

⁴⁰ **“When the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenant farmers?”**

⁴¹ **They said, “He will totally destroy those wicked farmers and rent the vineyard to other tenant farmers who will give him the fruit when it’s ready.”**

⁴² **Jesus said to them, “Haven’t you ever read in the scriptures, *The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. The Lord has done this, and it’s amazing in our eyes?*** ⁴³ **Therefore, I tell you that God’s kingdom will be taken away from you and will be given to a people who produce its fruit. ⁴⁴ Whoever falls on this stone will be crushed. And the stone will crush the person it falls on.”**

⁴⁵ **Now when the chief priests and the Pharisees heard the parable, they knew Jesus was talking about them. ⁴⁶ They were trying to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, who thought he was a prophet.**

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

P: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Against our own interest

HYMN

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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.

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. Amen.**

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

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