

WORSHIP HANDOUT

October 18, 2020

Series: Hold On...



OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hopefully ReGathering on November 1, depending on Covid cases, county level, and other factors. Will keep all apprised.

Charge Conference After Worship on Zoom at 12pm. If you need info contact PA.

Bible Study continues on Zoom on Tuesday evenings.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the midst of fear and anger;
in the midst of mayhem and destruction, God calls us.
With everything else going on, who has time for a feast?
We're busy, we'll get around to eating eventually.
In the midst of our anxiety, our worry;
in the midst of bill-paying and appointments, God invites us.
We are tempted to just grab a bite,
a sandwich between errands,
a snack we can eat while driving, or checking email,
or working on today's big project.
The feast is spread!
All are invited, all are welcome!
We are invited. We are welcome. We are worthy.
How will we respond?

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HYMNS

UMH 89 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee v. 1

TFWS 2036 Give Thanks

TFWS 2128 Come and Find the Quiet Center, vs. 1

TIME OF PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER

through light and shadow
I am led, I follow,
through the ins and outs
the ups and downs
of these days,
when my heart is failing,
when my spirit rejoices,
when I can barely put one foot
in front of the other
still you beckon me on...
when I stumble you support me,
when I can go no further
you carry me,
through light and shadow,
in death's dark vale,
and on the mountain peaks
you lead me,
through tangled webs,
on rocky ground,
on smoother paths,
through light and shadow
you lead me,
I follow,
may I never
walk alone...

~ written by Sally, and posted on **Eternal Echoes**. http://sallysjourney.typepad.com/sallys_journey/

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 1 CEB

Philippians 4:1-9

Therefore, my brothers and sisters whom I love and miss, who are my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord.

Loved ones, ² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to come to an agreement in the Lord. ³ Yes, and I'm also asking you, loyal friend, to help these women who have struggled together with me in the ministry of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my coworkers whose names are in the scroll of life.

⁴ Be glad in the Lord always! Again I say, be glad! ⁵ Let your gentleness show in your treatment of all people. The Lord is near. ⁶ Don't be anxious about anything; rather, bring up all of your requests to God in your prayers and petitions, along with giving thanks. ⁷ Then the peace of God that exceeds all understanding will keep your hearts and minds safe in Christ Jesus.

⁸ From now on, brothers and sisters, if anything is excellent and if anything is admirable, focus your thoughts on these things: all that is true, all that is holy, all that is just, all that is pure, all that is lovely, and all that is worthy of praise. ⁹ Practice these things: whatever you learned, received, heard, or saw in us. The God of peace will be with you.

LESSON 2 CEB

Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus responded by speaking again in parables: 2 “The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding party for his son. 3 He sent his servants to call those invited to the wedding party. But they didn’t want to come. 4 Again he sent other servants and said to them, ‘Tell those who have been invited, “Look, the meal is all prepared. I’ve butchered the oxen and the fattened cattle. Now everything’s ready. Come to the wedding party!’” 5 But they paid no attention and went away—some to their fields, others to their businesses. 6 The rest of them grabbed his servants, abused them, and killed them.

7 “The king was angry. He sent his soldiers to destroy those murderers and set their city on fire. 8 Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding party is prepared, but those who were invited weren’t worthy. 9 Therefore, go to the roads on the edge of town and invite everyone you find to the wedding party.’

10 “Then those servants went to the roads and gathered everyone they found, both evil and good. The wedding party was full of guests. 11 Now when the king came in and saw the guests, he spotted a man who wasn’t wearing wedding clothes. 12 He said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without wedding clothes?’ But he was speechless. 13 Then the king said to his servants, ‘Tie his hands and feet and throw him out into the farthest darkness. People there will be weeping and grinding their teeth.’

14 “Many people are invited, but few people are chosen.”

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

P: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

What to do with a difficult passage?

HYMN

Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast v 1, 2, 5 UMH

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

Blest Be the Tie That Binds 557 V I, 4