

## WORSHIP HANDOUT

October 25, 2020

Series: Hold On...



### OPENING OF WORSHIP

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bible Study continues on Zoom on Tuesday evenings.

### PRELUDE

### CALL TO WORSHIP

The earth has its kings, but God is ruler of all.

Praise God above all, the giver of life!

The mountains may tremble, the oceans may roar,  
but God's presence is more powerful  
than the earth itself.

Come into God's presence, for God is among us now.

O God, show us your glory; we seek your ways.

Come to the Rock, the God of life,  
for God is present now.

### HYMNS

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

UMH 103 vs. 1,3

For the Beauty of the Earth

UMH 92 vs. 1,4,6

### TIME OF PRAYER

#### UNISON PRAYER

Let us pray that the Lord may guide our world.

(pause)

Lord, mighty God,  
you lead the world and all humanity to their destiny in you.

Give to the leaders of the world and of our country  
a vision of the future that is both imaginative and realistic,  
and respectful of human rights and dignity.

Help us to bear witness in everyday life  
to the values of the gospel  
and to be involved in the work  
of freedom, integrity and justice.

May we thus build up a community  
that foreshadows our heavenly homeland.  
We ask this through 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

Pastor Andrew

#### LESSON I      CEB

I Thessalonians 1:1-10

I From Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy.

To the Thessalonians' church that is in God the Father and the Lord  
Jesus Christ.

Grace and peace to all of you.

<sup>2</sup> We always thank God for all of you when we mention you constantly  
in our prayers. <sup>3</sup> This is because we remember your work that comes  
from faith, your effort that comes from love, and your perseverance

that comes from hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the presence of our God and Father. <sup>4</sup> Brothers and sisters, you are loved by God, and we know that he has chosen you. <sup>5</sup> We know this because our good news didn't come to you just in speech but also with power and the Holy Spirit and with deep conviction. You know as well as we do what kind of people we were when we were with you, which was for your sake. <sup>6</sup> You became imitators of us and of the Lord when you accepted the message that came from the Holy Spirit with joy in spite of great suffering. <sup>7</sup> As a result you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. <sup>8</sup> The message about the Lord rang out from you, not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place. The news about your faithfulness to God has spread so that we don't even need to mention it. <sup>9</sup> People tell us about what sort of welcome we had from you and how you turned to God from idols. As a result, you are serving the living and true God, <sup>10</sup> and you are waiting for his Son from heaven. His Son is Jesus, who is the one he raised from the dead and who is the one who will rescue us from the coming wrath.

## LESSON 2      CEB

Matthew 22:15-22

<sup>15</sup> **Then the Pharisees met together to find a way to trap Jesus in his words. <sup>16</sup> They sent their disciples, along with the supporters of Herod, to him. "Teacher," they said, "we know that you are genuine and that you teach God's way as it really is. We know that you are not swayed by people's opinions, because you don't show favoritism. <sup>17</sup> So tell us what you think: Does the Law allow people to pay taxes to Caesar or not?"**

<sup>18</sup> **Knowing their evil motives, Jesus replied, "Why do you test me, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup> Show me the coin used to pay the tax." And they brought him a denarion. <sup>20</sup> "Whose image and inscription is this?" he asked.**

<sup>21</sup> **"Caesar's," they replied.**

**Then he said, "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." <sup>22</sup> When they heard this they were astonished, and they departed.**

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

**P: Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

A tricky question, a sneaky response

HYMN

Take My Life, and Let It Be     UMH 399 vs. 1-3

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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**