

WORSHIP HANDOUT
November 15, 2020
Final Countdown



OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bible Study continues on Zoom on Tuesday evenings.

Meals on Wednesdays

Online only until further notice due to COVID cases and State/County levels

Advent Take Home Kits pickup times next week starting Sunday and Drive-Through Communion Nov 22.

Help us decorate for Advent

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

The time for harvest is close at hand.

What have you done with the gifts God has given you?

We have brought our gifts to the house of the Lord.

Praise God for the gifts and for opportunities for service that they represent.

We praise God for all the ways in which our lives have been blessed.

Generous God, accept our gifts and our lives this day.

Loving God, accept our praise and gratitude. AMEN.

— written by Nancy C. Townley, and posted on the [Worship Connection](#) page of the Ministry Matters website.

HYMNS

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (Vs 4)

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UMH #64

TIME OF PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER

Wise and Patient God, we know what you want us to do, but we are far too often hesitant to follow through for you. You give us multiple blessings and ask that we develop these gifts and use them to help others. In times of great crisis we come through, we mobilize. But in the intermediate times, we hold back. We develop a "let someone else do it" attitude. We often think of our gifts, our talents as things that are less than worthy. In this country in which competition is the ruling code, we don't want to compete with others, because we feel we just don't have the right "stuff".

How blind we are, Lord! To each one of us you have given gifts which can be used to help others. Each gift and talent is precious in your sight. Rather than compete with others to see who has the greater talent, let us use the gifts we have been given joyfully.

One of the greatest gifts is the gift of prayer. And we have brought before you, Lord, the concerns which have been weighing on our hearts. Touch the lives of all these people and situations with you healing love. Give each one a sense of your powerful presence. Flood their lives with hope and peace. Help each one of us to be workers for you. Help us to trust in your abiding presence and love for us. Challenge us to use the gifts and to honor the giver, for we ask these things in Jesus' Name. **Amen.**

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SILENT AND PASTORAL 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 the glory now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

- ¹ Hush before the Lord God,
for the day of the Lord is near!
The Lord has established a sacrifice;
he has made holy those he has summoned.**
- ¹² At that time, I will search Jerusalem with lamps;
I will punish the men growing fat on the sediment in their
wine,
those saying to themselves, The Lord won't do good or
evil.**
- ¹³ Their wealth will be looted and their houses destroyed.
They will rebuild houses, but not live in them;
they will plant vineyards, but not drink the wine.**
- ¹⁴ The great day of the Lord is near;
it is near and coming very quickly.
The sound of the day of the Lord is bitter.
A warrior screams there.**
- ¹⁵ That day is a day of fury,
a day of distress and anxiety,
a day of desolation and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloominess,
a day of clouds and deep darkness,**
- ¹⁶ a day for blowing the trumpet and alarm against their
invincible cities
and against their high towers.**
- ¹⁷ I will make humanity suffer;
they will walk like the blind
because they sinned against the Lord.
Their blood will be poured out like dust
and their intestines like manure.**
- ¹⁸ Moreover, their silver and their gold won't be able to deliver
them**

**on the day of the Lord's fury.
His jealousy will devour the entire land with fire;
he will make an end,
a truly horrible one,
for all the inhabitants of the land.**

LESSON 2 CEB

Matthew 25:14-30

¹⁴ “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who was leaving on a trip. He called his servants and handed his possessions over to them. ¹⁵ To one he gave five valuable coins, and to another he gave two, and to another he gave one. He gave to each servant according to that servant's ability. Then he left on his journey.

¹⁶ “After the man left, the servant who had five valuable coins took them and went to work doing business with them. He gained five more. ¹⁷ In the same way, the one who had two valuable coins gained two more. ¹⁸ But the servant who had received the one valuable coin dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money.

¹⁹ “Now after a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ The one who had received five valuable coins came forward with five additional coins. He said, ‘Master, you gave me five valuable coins. Look, I've gained five more.’

²¹ “His master replied, ‘Excellent! You are a good and faithful servant! You've been faithful over a little. I'll put you in charge of much. Come, celebrate with me.’

²² “The second servant also came forward and said, ‘Master, you gave me two valuable coins. Look, I've gained two more.’

²³ “His master replied, ‘Well done! You are a good and faithful servant. You've been faithful over a little. I'll put you in charge of much. Come, celebrate with me.’

²⁴ “Now the one who had received one valuable coin came and said, ‘Master, I knew that you are a hard man. You harvest grain where you haven’t sown. You gather crops where you haven’t spread seed. ²⁵ So I was afraid. And I hid my valuable coin in the ground. Here, you have what’s yours.’

²⁶ “His master replied, ‘You evil and lazy servant! You knew that I harvest grain where I haven’t sown and that I gather crops where I haven’t spread seed? ²⁷ In that case, you should have turned my money over to the bankers so that when I returned, you could give me what belonged to me with interest. ²⁸ Therefore, take from him the valuable coin and give it to the one who has ten coins. ²⁹ Those who have much will receive more, and they will have more than they need. But as for those who don’t have much, even the little bit they have will be taken away from them. ³⁰ Now take the worthless servant and throw him out into the farthest darkness.’
“People there will be weeping and grinding their teeth.

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

P: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Whose is it anyway?

HYMN

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

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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.

Let us pray.

**O God,
who desires good for all creatures,
satisfy our hunger not just for food,
but for freedom, truth, justice and love.**

**O Risen Christ,
you revealed yourself to us
as one who gives to the poor and cares for all people.
We dedicate our lives and our offerings to your service.**

**O Holy Spirit,
bless these gifts and abide in our hearts
so that our gifts and our actions
may live out our faith,
glorify God,
and bring forth a fruitful harvest for the kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

—from [A Service for the Eve of Thanksgiving](#) written by the Rev. Thomas L. Weitzel, a pastor of the ELCA, and posted on [Liturgy by TLW](#).

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

Blest Be the Tie That Binds (Vs 1 & 4)

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POSTLUDE