

WORSHIP HANDOUT

November 8, 2020

Final Countdown



HOPE

United Methodist Church

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

Help us Decorate for Advent

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Are you awake? Are you alert?

Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.

Are you watching the signs?

Are you interpreting what is happening today?

Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.

Do you see opportunities for ministry?

Do you see the poor, the homeless, the hungry, the needy?

Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.

Come, let us worship and let us work in the reign of God.

Christ has extended the invitation:

let us work together in the reign of God on earth.

HYMN

Praise the Source of Faith and Learning

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TIME OF PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER

You let us choose, O God,

between you and the false gods of this world.
In the midst of the night of sin and death,
wake us from our slumber
and call us forth to greet Christ,
so that with eyes and hearts fixed on him,
we may follow to eternal light. Amen.

— from [Revised Common Lectionary Prayers](#) copyright © 2002 Consultation on Common Texts admin. Augsburg Fortress. Posted on [Thematic, Intercessory and Scripture Prayers for the RCL](#), Vanderbilt Divinity Library.

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 glory forever.
Amen.

A WORD FROM COLLEEN KANE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

LESSON 1

CEB

Wisdom of Solomon 6:17-20

The real beginning of wisdom is to desire instruction with all your heart. ¹⁸ Love for instruction expresses itself in careful reflection. If you love Wisdom, you will keep her laws. If you are attentive to her laws, you can be assured that you will live forever. ¹⁹ If you live forever, you will be near to God. ²⁰ If you desire wisdom with all your heart, you will know what good leadership is.

LESSON 2

CEB

Matthew 25:1-13

“At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten young bridesmaids who took their lamps and went out to meet the

groom. ² Now five of them were wise, and the other five were foolish. ³ The foolish ones took their lamps but didn't bring oil for them. ⁴ But the wise ones took their lamps and also brought containers of oil.

⁵ "When the groom was late in coming, they all became drowsy and went to sleep. ⁶ But at midnight there was a cry, 'Look, the groom! Come out to meet him.'

⁷ "Then all those bridesmaids got up and prepared their lamps. ⁸ But the foolish bridesmaids said to the wise ones, 'Give us some of your oil, because our lamps have gone out.'

⁹ "But the wise bridesmaids replied, 'No, because if we share with you, there won't be enough for our lamps and yours. We have a better idea. You go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.' ¹⁰ But while they were gone to buy oil, the groom came. Those who were ready went with him into the wedding. Then the door was shut.

¹¹ "Later the other bridesmaids came and said, 'Lord, lord, open the door for us.'

¹² "But he replied, 'I tell you the truth, I don't know you.'

¹³ "Therefore, keep alert, because you don't know the day or the hour.

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

P: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Training, Preparation, the Moment

HYMN

The Summons

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OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

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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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