

WORSHIP HANDOUT
January 24, 2021



OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

**It is time to become focused,
not on our wants or complaints but on God:
*In the silent places of my soul I turn to God,
for God alone is our rock and salvation.***

**Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the good news of God,
saying the time has come, the realm of God is at hand.
*The realm of God is not very far from any one of us,
for in God we live and, move and have our being.***

**Jesus said: repent and believe the good news.
The time has come.
*In the silent places of my soul I turn to God,
for God alone is our rock and salvation.***

— written by Bruce Prewer, on [Bruce Prewer's Homepage](#).

HYMN 577 God of Grace and God of Glory

TIME OF PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER

**Our gracious, eternal God, we thank you that Jesus' call to his
disciples came in such an uneventful way. Contrary to the
wisdom of the world he did not start with the privileged and**

the wealthy and the powerful. He did not begin with those who had little need and little desire for change. He began with some very simple folk. He began with some fishermen.

We pray that his call, “Come, follow me,” might again reverberate through our souls today.

May we hear again the challenge to be your disciples.

May we hear again the message of this one who brings good news.

May we hear again the invitation to come to you, “all you who are weary and heavy laden.”

May we hear again eternal words of hope which tell us that however dark the world becomes the darkness cannot ever overcome the radiant light of this holy one, Jesus.

May we hear again those simple words: “Come, follow me,” and may we come, just as we are, and know again the depth of your grace and love for us.

Give us the power to bring change and transformation to the peoples of the world as did those early fishermen. Give us the power to provide the same kind of hope for the world-weary as they brought to theirs. Give us the vision of a world transformed.

We pray for those whose health is a constant and major concern. Be especially with those whose health is compromised so much that they have no hope of ever feeling totally well again. For those we ask that you give courage for the frustrating obstacles of life. Amen.

— written by Richard Einerson, and posted on [Richard Einerson: Prayers of the People](#) website.

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.

HYMN

358 Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Nancy Hoffmann

LESSON 1

CEB

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The Lord's word came to Jonah a second time: ² "Get up and go to Nineveh, that great city, and declare against it the proclamation that I am commanding you." ³ And Jonah got up and went to Nineveh, according to the Lord's word. (Now Nineveh was indeed an enormous city, a three days' walk across.)

⁴ Jonah started into the city, walking one day, and he cried out, "Just forty days more and Nineveh will be overthrown!" ⁵ And the people of Nineveh believed God. They proclaimed a fast and put on mourning clothes, from the greatest of them to the least significant.

¹⁰ God saw what they were doing—that they had ceased their evil behavior. So God stopped planning to destroy them, and he didn't do it.

May God add a blessing to this reading.

LESSON 2

CEB

Mark 1:14-20

¹⁴ After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee announcing God's good news, ¹⁵ saying, "Now is the time! Here comes God's kingdom! Change your hearts and lives, and trust this good news!"

¹⁶ As Jesus passed alongside the Galilee Sea, he saw two brothers, Simon and Andrew, throwing fishing nets into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ "Come, follow me," he said, "and I'll show you how to fish for people." ¹⁸ Right away, they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹ After going a little farther, he saw James and John, Zebedee's sons, in their boat repairing the fishing nets. ²⁰ At that very moment he called them. They followed him, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired workers.

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

P: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

"The Greatest Show on Earth"

HYMN

2130 The Summons

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.

UNISON PRAYER

Lord, help us to live more fully as your disciples. As we remember our Baptism, renew our covenant, and strive to draw closer to you this

day strengthen us for the journey. Help us to live more generously, more fully, and more gratefully each and every day. Bless the gifts that we give, that they may be fruitful and multiply to do the work of your Kingdom. Amen.

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

2186 Song of Hope

POSTLUDE