

WORSHIP HANDOUT
January 31, 2021



OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

God comes into a world filled with uncertainties and darkness.

God seeks out the voids of belief and conviction.

God embraces the wounded and broken.

God knocks down the walls of division and strife.

God is the candle shining in the darkness of our days.

God is the light of our lives.

God is the one who makes all things new.

Praise be to God, now and forevermore!

— based on materials by Peter K. Perry, and posted on Richard Fairchild's [Kir-shalom](#) website.

HYMN

All Creatures of Our God and King (verses 1,4,5,7)

UMH #62

TIME OF PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER

Loving God,

**whose touch can heal the broken places of life,
touch us today...**

God of peace,

**whose spirit of peace can quiet our spirits
of confusion and despair,**

reassure us today...

**Forgiving God,
whose call to repentance promises grace upon grace,
place your mercy in our souls today...**

**You who heal the sick and liberate the imprisoned,
who bring justice in the midst of oppression
and strength in the midst of weakness,
pour out your spirit of power upon us today.**

**Open our hearts to new faithfulness,
redirect our waywardness,
and hold us gently in your goodness.**

**We confess our need to you,
and we turn to you with hearts filled with hope,
remembering the promises you have made to us.**

**May your name be glorified in us and through us.
We ask it through Christ Jesus,
your only begotten son,
he who is our Lord and our Savior,
our brother and our friend. Amen.**

SILENT AND PASTORAL PRAYER (MUSIC)

Ed, Sue, Paula, Carrie, Don Harvey, Nicole, Autumn, All those who are struggling to get by, all those who care for those who are ill, for our leaders that they would be discerning, prayerful, and wise. Prayers for those who have housing insecurity especially during these cold days.

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

Wounded World that Cries for Healing TFWWS #2177

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Becky Johnson

LESSON I

CEB

I Corinthians 8:1-13

Now concerning meat that has been sacrificed to a false god: We know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge makes people arrogant, but love builds people up. ² If anyone thinks they know something, they don't yet know as much as they should know. ³ But if someone loves God, then they are known by God.

⁴ So concerning the actual food involved in these sacrifices to false gods, we know that a false god isn't anything in this world, and that there is no God except for the one God. ⁵ Granted, there are so-called "gods," in heaven and on the earth, as there are many gods and many lords. ⁶ However, for us believers,

There is one God the Father.

**All things come from him, and we belong to him.
And there is one Lord Jesus Christ.**

All things exist through him, and we live through him.

⁷ But not everybody knows this. Some are eating this food as though it really is food sacrificed to a real idol, because they were used to idol worship until now. Their conscience is weak because it has been damaged. ⁸ Food won't bring us close to God. We're not missing out if we don't eat, and we don't have any advantage if we do eat. ⁹ But watch out or else this

freedom of yours might be a problem for those who are weak. ¹⁰ Suppose someone sees you (the person who has knowledge) eating in an idol's temple. Won't the person with a weak conscience be encouraged to eat the meat sacrificed to false gods? ¹¹ The weak brother or sister for whom Christ died is destroyed by your knowledge. ¹² You sin against Christ if you sin against your brothers and sisters and hurt their weak consciences this way. ¹³ This is why, if food causes the downfall of my brother or sister, I won't eat meat ever again, or else I may cause my brother or sister to fall.

May God add a blessing to this reading.

LESSON 2

CEB

Mark 1:21-28

Jesus and his followers went into Capernaum. Immediately on the Sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and started teaching. 22 The people were amazed by his teaching, for he was teaching them with authority, not like the legal experts. 23 Suddenly, there in the synagogue, a person with an evil spirit screamed, 24 “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are. You are the holy one from God.”

25 “Silence!” Jesus said, speaking harshly to the demon. “Come out of him!” 26 The unclean spirit shook him and screamed, then it came out.

27 Everyone was shaken and questioned among themselves, “What’s this? A new teaching with authority! He even commands unclean spirits and they obey him!” 28 Right away the news about him spread throughout the entire region of Galilee.

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

P: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

“True Authority”

HYMN

Silence, Frenzied Unclean Spirit
(tune from UMH #108)

UMH #264

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

Song of Hope

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POSTLUDE