

WORSHIP HANDOUT
February 21, 2021



OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ReGathering
Love Fund

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

**Eternal Parent,
at the baptism of Jesus,
you revealed him to be your Son
and anointed him with the Holy Spirit,
Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit
faithful to their calling as your people;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.**

~ posted on the Church of Scotland's Starters for
Sunday website. http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0005/18473/12_January_2014.pdf

HYMN

Standing on the Promises

UMH #374

TIME OF PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER

**Holy God, by the grace of Jesus Christ
you know the tests and trials we face.
Walk with us through this wilderness.
Come to us with ministers of healing
and visit us with messengers of hope,**

**so that we may return to you in faith,
believing the good news of the gospel;
through Jesus Christ our Savior.**

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

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days UMH #269

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

LESSON I

CEB

Genesis 9:8-17

⁸ God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹ “I am now setting up my covenant with you, with your descendants, ¹⁰ and with every living being with you—with the birds, with the large animals, and with all the animals of the earth, leaving the ark with you. ¹¹ I will set up my covenant with you so that never again will all life be cut off by floodwaters. There will never again be a flood to destroy the earth.”

¹² God said, “This is the symbol of the covenant that I am drawing up between me and you and every living thing with you, on behalf of every future generation. ¹³ I have placed my bow in the clouds; it will be the symbol of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴ When I bring clouds over the

earth and the bow appears in the clouds, ¹⁵ I will remember the covenant between me and you and every living being among all the creatures. Floodwaters will never again destroy all creatures. ¹⁶ The bow will be in the clouds, and upon seeing it I will remember the enduring covenant between God and every living being of all the earth's creatures." ¹⁷ God said to Noah, "This is the symbol of the covenant that I have set up between me and all creatures on earth."

May God add a blessing to this reading.

LESSON 2

CEB

Mark 1:9-15

⁹ About that time, Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and John baptized him in the Jordan River. ¹⁰ While he was coming up out of the water, Jesus saw heaven splitting open and the Spirit, like a dove, coming down on him. ¹¹ And there was a voice from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I dearly love; in you I find happiness."

¹² At once the Spirit forced Jesus out into the wilderness. ¹³ He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among the wild animals, and the angels took care of him.

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!"

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

P: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

"Promises of the Good News."

HYMN

God Leads Us Along

W&S #3031

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

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.

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

Lenten Benediction Response

Sunday's Palms Are Wednesday's Ashes (adapted below) TFWVS #2138

**"We are hasty to judge others, blind to proof of human need;
and our lack of understanding demonstrates our inner greed;
we are jealous, proud, impatient, loving overmuch our things;
may the yielding of our failings be our Lenten offerings."**

POSTLUDE