

WORSHIP HANDOUT  
March 7, 2021



OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ReGathering  
Love Fund

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

**In the days of Noah,  
God placed a rainbow in the sky as the sign of a covenant of  
God's love for all the earth.**

**In the colors of the rainbow, we see the sign of God's grace for  
all creation.**

**In the days of Moses, the words of God were written on  
tablets of stone, as the sign of a covenant between God and all  
of God's people.**

**In the tablets of stone, we see the sign of God's hope for each  
to live in peace with God and neighbor.**

**In the days of the prophet,  
God promised to place a new covenant in our hearts.**

**As members of the living Body of Christ, we see the sign of  
God's promise among us.**

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## HYMN

Standing on the Promises    UMH #374

### TIME OF PRAYER

#### UNISON PRAYER

**Truth be told, Jesus,  
There are lots of tables that need overturning  
in our lives;  
Beneath the veneer of respectability,  
the tidy rows and neat regulations  
hide dark addictions and angry judgements,  
hungry greed and heartless rejections**

**We know the pain—and so do those around us—  
of keeping up the facade;  
What a relief it would be to have it all  
upset, smashed, scattered, destroyed**

**So, perhaps, Jesus, today you could pay us a visit  
and help us to radically rearrange  
the furniture of our lives**

**Amen.**

~ written by John van de Laar, and posted on [Sacredise](#).

### 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

Take Time to Be Holy

UMH #395

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

LESSON I

CEB

Exodus 20:1-17

**Then God spoke all these words:**

**<sup>2</sup> I am the Lord your God who brought you out of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.**

**<sup>3</sup> You must have no other gods before me.**

**<sup>4</sup> Do not make an idol for yourself—no form whatsoever—of anything in the sky above or on the earth below or in the waters under the earth. <sup>5</sup> Do not bow down to them or worship them, because I, the Lord your God, am a passionate God. I punish children for their parents' sins even to the third and fourth generations of those who hate me. <sup>6</sup> But I am loyal and gracious to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.**

**<sup>7</sup> Do not use the Lord your God's name as if it were of no significance; the Lord won't forgive anyone who uses his name that way.**

**<sup>8</sup> Remember the Sabbath day and treat it as holy. <sup>9</sup> Six days you may work and do all your tasks, <sup>10</sup> but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. Do not do any work on it—not you, your sons or daughters, your male or female servants, your animals, or the immigrant who is living with you. <sup>11</sup> Because the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and everything that is in them in six days, but rested on the seventh day. That is why the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.**

**<sup>12</sup> Honor your father and your mother so that your life will be long on the fertile land that the Lord your God is giving you.**

- <sup>13</sup> Do not kill.
- <sup>14</sup> Do not commit adultery.
- <sup>15</sup> Do not steal.
- <sup>16</sup> Do not testify falsely against your neighbor.
- <sup>17</sup> Do not desire and try to take your neighbor's house. Do not desire and try to take your neighbor's wife, male or female servant, ox, donkey, or anything else that belongs to your neighbor.

**May God add a blessing to this reading.**

LESSON 2

CEB

John 2:13-22

<sup>13</sup> It was nearly time for the Jewish Passover, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> He found in the temple those who were selling cattle, sheep, and doves, as well as those involved in exchanging currency sitting there. <sup>15</sup> He made a whip from ropes and chased them all out of the temple, including the cattle and the sheep. He scattered the coins and overturned the tables of those who exchanged currency. <sup>16</sup> He said to the dove sellers, “Get these things out of here! Don’t make my Father’s house a place of business.” <sup>17</sup> His disciples remembered that it is written, *Passion for your house consumes me.*

<sup>18</sup> Then the Jewish leaders asked him, “By what authority are you doing these things? What miraculous sign will you show us?”

<sup>19</sup> Jesus answered, “Destroy this temple and in three days I’ll raise it up.”

<sup>20</sup> The Jewish leaders replied, “It took forty-six years to build this temple, and you will raise it up in three days?” <sup>21</sup> But the temple Jesus was talking about was his body. <sup>22</sup> After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered what he had

**said, and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.**

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

**P: Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE                      “Promise of the Dough.”

HYMN

For the Bread Which You Have Broken                      UMH #614

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION - BEGINNING  
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.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION - CONT.

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

PLEASE JOIN US FOR DRIVE THROUGH COMMUNION FROM 12-1