

WORSHIP HANDOUT

March 14, 2021



OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Love Fund

Zoom Coffee Hour

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

**We praise you, loving and eternal God,
for your love of all people
expressed in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
We praise you for his commitment to justice,
his zeal for true worship of you
and his willingness to replace all other sacrifices
with the sacrifice of his own life.
In his name, we offer you our worship. Amen.**

~ written by David Beswick, and posted on <http://www.beswick.info/rcresources/L3B97OS.htm>

HYMN

“Standing on the Promises”

UMH #374

TIME OF PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER

**Loving God, giver of all light and life,
you sent Jesus Christ into the world
not to condemn, but to save.
Help us to lift up the light of Christ
so that the world might believe in him
and receive the gift of eternal life;
through Christ, the light of the world.**

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

“O Love, How Deep” (verses 1-5)

UMH #267

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

LESSON I

CEB

Numbers 21:4-9

⁴ They marched from Mount Hor on the Reed Sea road around the land of Edom. The people became impatient on the road. ⁵ The people spoke against God and Moses: “Why did you bring us up from Egypt to kill us in the desert, where there is no food or water. And we detest this miserable bread!” ⁶ So the Lord sent poisonous snakes among the people and they bit the people. Many of the Israelites died.

⁷ The people went to Moses and said, “We’ve sinned, for we spoke against the Lord and you. Pray to the Lord so that he will send the snakes away from us.” So Moses prayed for the people.

⁸ The Lord said to Moses, “Make a poisonous snake and place it on a pole. Whoever is bitten can look at it and live.” ⁹ Moses made a bronze snake and placed it on a pole. If a snake bit someone, that person could look at the bronze snake and live.

May God add a blessing to this reading.

14 Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so must the Human One be lifted up 15 so that everyone who believes in him will have eternal life. 16 God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him won't perish but will have eternal life. 17 God didn't send his Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through him. 18 Whoever believes in him isn't judged; whoever doesn't believe in him is already judged, because they don't believe in the name of God's only Son.

19 "This is the basis for judgment: The light came into the world, and people loved darkness more than the light, for their actions are evil. 20 All who do wicked things hate the light and don't come to the light for fear that their actions will be exposed to the light. 21 Whoever does the truth comes to the light so that it can be seen that their actions were done in God."

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

P: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

"The Promise of Sporting Events"

HYMN

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

UMH #206

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 (TFWS #2138 adapted as below):

**"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 ONLINE COFFEE HOUR AT 11:45 VIA ZOOM