

WORSHIP HANDOUT
March 21, 2021



OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Love Fund

Easter and April

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

**Each day is a gift from God,
each moment is that opportunity to reach out
in service to all creation.**

**Each day is a reminder of the new covenant:
not written on stone tablets easily broken,
but inscribed on our hearts filled with joy and hope.**

**Each day we draw closer to God:
who has forgotten more than we ever learn;
who has forgiven us more than we ever acknowledge.**

~ written by Thom Shuman, and posted on his [Lectionary Liturgies](#) blog.

HYMN

This Is a Day of New Beginnings (verses 1-4)

UMH #383

TIME OF PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER

**God of thundering glory and wondrous love,
you lifted up Jesus Christ from the earth
to draw all people to your holy name.**

**Like grains of wheat that fall to the dust,
teach us to die—and so to bear much fruit,**

**giving our lives for the sake of the gospel,
following and serving Christ Jesus forever.**
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

Standing on the Promises

UMH #374

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

LESSON I

CEB

Jeremiah 31:31-34

31 The time is coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and Judah. 32 It won't be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant with me even though I was their husband, declares the Lord. 33 No, this is the covenant that I will make with the people of Israel after that time, declares the Lord. I will put my Instructions within them and engrave them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. 34 They will no longer need to teach each other to say, "Know the Lord!" because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord; for I will forgive their wrongdoing and never again remember their sins.

May God add a blessing to this reading.

LESSON 2

CEB

John 12:20-33

²⁰ **Some Greeks were among those who had come up to worship at the festival. ²¹ They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and made a request: “Sir, we want to see Jesus.” ²² Philip told Andrew, and Andrew and Philip told Jesus. ²³ Jesus replied, “The time has come for the Human One to be glorified. ²⁴ I assure you that unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it can only be a single seed. But if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵ Those who love their lives will lose them, and those who hate their lives in this world will keep them forever. ²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me. Wherever I am, there my servant will also be. My Father will honor whoever serves me. ²⁷ “Now I am deeply troubled. What should I say? ‘Father, save me from this time’? No, for this is the reason I have come to this time. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name!”**
Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.”
²⁹ **The crowd standing there heard and said, “It’s thunder.” Others said, “An angel spoke to him.”**
³⁰ **Jesus replied, “This voice wasn’t for my benefit but for yours. ³¹ Now is the time for judgment of this world. Now this world’s ruler will be thrown out. ³² When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to me.” (³³ He said this to show how he was going to die.)**

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

P: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "The Promise of the Spring"

HYMN

Hymn of Promise

UMH #707

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

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