

WORSHIP HANDOUT  
April 11, 2021



OPENING OF WORSHIP AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from St. Ignatius

**Leader:** Great and loving God, thank you for bringing us to worship.

**People:** **Open our hearts and minds to receive Your grace.**

**Leader:** Give us the deep and certain knowledge that you have saved us from sin by the sacrifice of your beloved Son.

**People:** **Give us a ready ear and a grateful heart to answer Jesus' call.**

**Leader:** Give us a share in the suffering of Christ.

**People:** **And a taste of joy of his rising from the dead, through Christ our Lord. Amen**

HYMN

Christ is Risen

UMH #307

TIME OF PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER

**O God, for our redemption you gave your Son to the death of the Cross, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of our enemy. Grant us so to die daily from sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

## 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

Depth of Mercy (verses 1-4)

UMH #355

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

LESSON I

CEB

Jeremiah 31:31-34

<sup>31</sup> The time is coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and Judah. <sup>32</sup> 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. <sup>33</sup> 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. <sup>34</sup> 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

John 20:19-31

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the disciples had gathered together in the upper room. Fearful of the Jews, they had locked all the doors in the house. Jesus came, and stood among them, and said, "Peace to you." Then he showed them his hands and side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said again, "Peace to you. Just as the Father sent me, I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive a person's sins, their sins have been forgiven them. If you retain the sins of any, they have been retained." But Thomas, sometimes called the Twin, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples were saying to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said, "Unless I see the nail holes in his hands, put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

Eight days later, his disciples were again in the room and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said, "Peace to you." Then he said to Thomas, "Take your finger and examine my hands. Take your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas said, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said, "Do you believe because you've seen with your own eyes? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe."

Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples which are not written down in this book. These are written down so you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and in believing, may have life through his name.

## MESSAGE

"What His scars taught me about forgiving and forgetting"

Rev. Bob Kuntz

HYMN

Freely, Freely

UMH #389

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

Because He Lives (refrain only)

UMH #364

POSTLUDE