WORSHIP HANDOUT May 9th



OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We raised money for the schools washer and dryer project in the community room. \$1790 We're in person and online

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Here today there is love, freely available to all.

Not our human loving, fragile and intermittent,
but God's supreme love.+

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Break forth into joyous songs of praise.

Here today is love, higher than our loftiest hopes, deeper than the immensities of time and space - God's inclusive love.

Let the seas roar their praise, and everything in them. Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills sing together their happiness.

The joy of the living Christ Jesus be with you all.

— written by Bruce Prewer, and posted on Bruce Prewer's Homepage. http://www.bruceprewer.com/

HYMN

Spirit of the Living God (2 times)

UMH #393

TIME OF PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER

Holy and mysterious Lover of the world, let this day be a worthy celebration of our Lord's resurrection love.

By the Easter good news, encourage us to put away our worries, and to discard our fears,

that with minds open to your Spirit we may better love you and more adequately worship your holy name.

Through Christ Jesus, our living brother and Lord. Amen!

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	My Song is Love Unknown	TFWS #2083
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE		Pastor Andrew
LESSON I	CEB	Acts 10:44-48

⁴⁴ While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell on everyone who heard the word. ⁴⁵ The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles. ⁴⁶ They

heard them speaking in other languages and praising God. Peter asked, ⁴⁷ "These people have received the Holy Spirit just as we have. Surely no one can stop them from being baptized with water, can they?" ⁴⁸ He directed that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited Peter to stay for several days.

May God add a blessing to this reading.

LESSON 2 CEB John 15:9-17

9 "As the Father loved me, I too have loved you. Remain in my love. 10 If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. II I have said these things to you so that my joy will be in you and your joy will be complete. 12 This is my commandment: love each other just as I have loved you. 13 No one has greater love than to give up one's life for one's friends. I4 You are my friends if you do what I command you. 15 I don't call you servants any longer, because servants don't know what their master is doing. Instead, I call you friends, because everything I heard from my Father I have made known to you. 16 You didn't choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you could go and produce fruit and so that your fruit could last. As a result, whatever you ask the Father in my name, he will give you. 17 I give you these commandments so that you can love each other.

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

P: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "Distilled Down to Love" Rev. Andrew Scott

HYMN Help Us Accept Each Other UMH #560

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

Breathe on Me, Breath of God (Verse I)

UMH #420

POSTLUDE