

WORSHIP HANDOUT

August 1st



OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Favorite Hymns, help us worship by telling us what you love to sing and why!

PA on vacation this week, back in the office next Wednesday.

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Out of the depths I cry to you, O God:

**We hunger for the bread of Jesus, the bread of life,
and we thirst for you, O God.**

O God, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

**We hunger for the bread of Jesus, the bread of life,
and we thirst for you, O God.**

There is forgiveness with you
and I wait for you, O God.

My soul waits for You.

**We hunger for the bread of Jesus, the bread of life,
and we thirst for you, O God.**

In your words I hope. My soul waits for you, God,
more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning:

**We hunger for the bread of Jesus, the bread of life,
and we thirst for you, O God.**

~ from **Spiritual Hunger and Thirst for God**, written by the Rev. Bonnie Tarwater. Posted on the **United Church of Christ** website. <http://uccfiles.com/>

***HYMN Praise the Source of Faith and Learning TFWVS #2004**

TIME OF PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER

**We praise you, O God,
for the meaning that you give to our lives in and through
Jesus.**

**He is the sign of your deep and everlasting love for the world
and we rejoice in his promise to sustain us with his life.**

We praise you for filling our emptiness with his goodness.

**May our worship and praise express our thanks, O God,
for your gift to us of the true bread from heaven—
Jesus Christ, your Son, our living Lord. Amen**

~ written by Moira Laidlaw, and posted on Liturgies Online. <http://www.liturgiesonline.com.au/>

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 Sweet Hour of Prayer UMH #496
(Carol Weitzman's favorite)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

LESSON I CEB Ephesians 4:1-16

Therefore, as a prisoner for the Lord, I encourage you to live as people worthy of the call you received from God. ² Conduct yourselves with all humility, gentleness, and patience. Accept each other with love, ³ and make an effort to preserve the unity of the Spirit with the peace that ties you together. ⁴ You are one body and one spirit, just as God also called you in one hope. ⁵ There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ and one God and Father of all, who is over all, through all, and in all.

⁷ God has given his grace to each one of us measured out by the gift that is given by Christ. ⁸ That's why scripture says, *When he climbed up to the heights, he captured prisoners, and he gave gifts to people.*

⁹ What does the phrase "he climbed up" mean if it doesn't mean that he had first gone down into the lower regions, the earth? ¹⁰ The one who went down is the same one who climbed up above all the heavens so that he might fill everything.

¹¹ He gave some apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers. ¹² His purpose was to equip God's people for the work of serving and building up the body of Christ ¹³ until we all reach the unity of faith and knowledge of God's Son. God's goal is for us to become mature adults—to be fully grown, measured by the standard of the fullness of Christ. ¹⁴ As a result, we aren't supposed to be infants any longer who can be tossed and blown around by every wind that comes from teaching with deceitful scheming and the tricks people play to deliberately mislead others. ¹⁵ Instead, by speaking the truth with love, let's grow in every way into Christ, ¹⁶ who is the head. The whole body grows from him, as it is joined and held together by all the supporting ligaments. The body makes itself grow in that it builds itself up with love as each one does its part.

May God add a blessing to this reading.

²⁴ When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and came to Capernaum looking for Jesus. ²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, “Rabbi, when did you get here?”

²⁶ Jesus replied, “I assure you that you are looking for me not because you saw miraculous signs but because you ate all the food you wanted. ²⁷ Don’t work for the food that doesn’t last but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Human One will give you. God the Father has confirmed him as his agent to give life.”

²⁸ They asked, “What must we do in order to accomplish what God requires?”

²⁹ Jesus replied, “This is what God requires, that you believe in him whom God sent.”

³⁰ They asked, “What miraculous sign will you do, that we can see and believe you? What will you do? ³¹ Our ancestors ate manna in the wilderness, just as it is written, *He gave them bread from heaven to eat.*”

³² Jesus told them, “I assure you, it wasn’t Moses who gave the bread from heaven to you, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ The bread of God is the one who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

³⁴ They said, “Sir, give us this bread all the time!”

³⁵ Jesus replied, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

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

P: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

“Wake-Up Call” – Bill Cook

HYMN

Together We Serve TFWS #2175

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

Blest Be the Tie That Binds (verse 1 only) UMH #557

POSTLUDE