

WORSHIP HANDOUT  
July 11th



OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Masking Rules and Other in-person updates

PRELUDE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord calls us,

**To something better.**

The Lord challenges us,

**To be something better.**

The Lord cries out to us,

**To not turn away.**

The Lord reaches out to us,

**That we would turn back to the Lord.**

\*HYMN

108 God Hath Spoken by the Prophets

TIME OF PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER

**Good Shepherd,**

**Teach us to follow you**

**to care for all that are close to us,**

**to protect those who are threatened,**

**to welcome those who are rejected,**

**to forgive those who are burdened by guilt,**

**to heal those who are broken and sick,**

**to share with those who have little or nothing,**

**to take the time to really know one another**

**and love as you have loved us.**

**Good Shepherd,  
Teach us to follow you  
to spread compassion to those who are far away,  
to speak for those who are voiceless,  
to defend those who are oppressed and abused,  
to work for justice for those who are exploited,  
to make peace for those who suffer violence,  
to take the time to recognise our connectedness,  
and to love as you have loved us.**

**Good Shepherd,  
Teach us to follow you  
and to be faithful to calling you gave us  
to be shepherds in your name.**

— written by John van de Laar, and posted on the Sacredise website.

## **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**

377 It Is Well With My Soul

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **LESSON I**

CEB

Amos 7:7-15

This is what the Lord showed me: The Lord was standing by a wall, with a plumb line in his hand. <sup>8</sup> The Lord said to me, “Amos, what do you see?”

“A plumb line,” I said.

Then the Lord said,

“See, I am setting a plumb line  
in the middle of my people Israel.

I will never again forgive them.

<sup>9</sup> The shrines of Isaac will be made desolate,  
and the holy places of Israel will be laid waste,  
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.”

<sup>10</sup> Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, reported to Israel’s King Jeroboam, “Amos has plotted against you within the house of Israel. The land isn’t able to cope with everything that he is saying. <sup>11</sup> Amos has said, ‘Jeroboam will die by the sword, and Israel will be forced out of its land.’”

<sup>12</sup> Amaziah said to Amos, “You who see things, go, run away to the land of Judah, eat your bread there, and prophesy there; <sup>13</sup> but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s holy place and his royal house.”

<sup>14</sup> Amos answered Amaziah, “I am not a prophet, nor am I a prophet’s son; but I am a shepherd, and a trimmer of sycamore trees. <sup>15</sup> But the Lord took me from shepherding the flock, and the Lord said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’”

**May God add a blessing to this reading.**

\*LESSON 2

CEB

Mark 6:14-29

<sup>14</sup> Herod the king heard about these things, because the name of Jesus had become well-known. Some were saying, “John the Baptist has been raised from the dead, and this is why miraculous powers are at work through him.” <sup>15</sup> Others were saying, “He is Elijah.” Still others were

saying, “He is a prophet like one of the ancient prophets.” <sup>16</sup> But when Herod heard these rumors, he said, “John, whom I beheaded, has been raised to life.”

<sup>17</sup> He said this because Herod himself had arranged to have John arrested and put in prison because of Herodias, the wife of Herod’s brother Philip. Herod had married her, <sup>18</sup> but John told Herod, “It’s against the law for you to marry your brother’s wife!” <sup>19</sup> So Herodias had it in for John. She wanted to kill him, but she couldn’t. <sup>20</sup> This was because Herod respected John. He regarded him as a righteous and holy person, so he protected him. John’s words greatly confused Herod, yet he enjoyed listening to him.

<sup>21</sup> Finally, the time was right. It was on one of Herod’s birthdays, when he had prepared a feast for his high-ranking officials and military officers and Galilee’s leading residents. <sup>22</sup> Herod’s daughter Herodias came in and danced, thrilling Herod and his dinner guests. The king said to the young woman, “Ask me whatever you wish, and I will give it to you.” <sup>23</sup> Then he swore to her, “Whatever you ask I will give to you, even as much as half of my kingdom.”

<sup>24</sup> She left the banquet hall and said to her mother, “What should I ask for?”

“John the Baptist’s head,” Herodias replied.

<sup>25</sup> Hurrying back to the ruler, she made her request: “I want you to give me John the Baptist’s head on a plate, right this minute.” <sup>26</sup> Although the king was upset, because of his solemn pledge and his guests, he didn’t want to refuse her. <sup>27</sup> So he ordered a guard to bring John’s head. The guard went to the prison, cut off John’s head, <sup>28</sup> brought his head on a plate, and gave it to the young woman, and she gave it to her mother. <sup>29</sup> When John’s disciples heard what had happened, they came and took his dead body and laid it in a tomb.

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

**P: Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

“The Best of the Avengers”

HYMN

432 Jesu, Jesu

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

2030 The First Song of Isaiah

POSTLUDE