

WORSHIP HANDOUT  
July 4th



OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Masking Rules and Other in-person updates

PRELUDE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Take off your shoes!

**We are standing on holy ground.**

Shake off the dust!

**We are ready to start afresh.**

Let us worship God and receive Christ's teachings,  
that we may be renewed and strengthened  
to share God's love with the world.

**Let us see God at work in new ways and places, let us answer  
the call to join in the work of the Lord.**

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\*HYMN

437 UMH This Is My Song

TIME OF PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER

**We thank you, loving God,  
for the surprises which you spring on us!  
You take the unlovely and cherish them,  
the mediocre and make them gifted,  
the mere nobodies and ordain them your apostles.**

**You entrust us with an authority and ministry  
far beyond our own strength.**

**We hid away our thoughts and feelings, our prayers.  
Yet under your patient care  
we discover that all things are possible to those who love you.**

**Surprise us again, loving Friend.  
Surprise us with the Christ who believes in us  
and the grace which is made perfect in human weakness.**

**Through Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen!**

~ written by Bruce Prewer, and posted on Bruce Prewer's Home Page. <http://www.bruceprewer.com/>

## **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**

347 UMH Spirit Song (all)

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **LESSON I**

CEB

Ezekiel 2:1-5

The voice said to me: Human one, stand on your feet, and I'll speak to you. <sup>2</sup> As he spoke to me, a wind came to me and stood me on my feet, and I heard someone addressing me. <sup>3</sup> He said to me: Human one, I'm sending you to the Israelites, a traitorous and rebellious people. They and their ancestors have been rebelling against me to this very day. <sup>4</sup> I'm sending you to their hardheaded and hard-hearted descendants, and

you will say to them: The Lord God proclaims. <sup>5</sup> Whether they listen or whether they refuse, since they are a household of rebels, they will know that a prophet has been among them.

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

\*LESSON 2

CEB

Mark 6:1-13

Jesus left that place and came to his hometown. His disciples followed him. <sup>2</sup> On the Sabbath, he began to teach in the synagogue. Many who heard him were surprised. “Where did this man get all this? What’s this wisdom he’s been given? What about the powerful acts accomplished through him? <sup>3</sup> Isn’t this the carpenter? Isn’t he Mary’s son and the brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? Aren’t his sisters here with us?” They were repulsed by him and fell into sin.

<sup>4</sup> Jesus said to them, “Prophets are honored everywhere except in their own hometowns, among their relatives, and in their own households.” <sup>5</sup> He was unable to do any miracles there, except that he placed his hands on a few sick people and healed them. <sup>6</sup> He was appalled by their disbelief.

Then Jesus traveled through the surrounding villages teaching.

<sup>7</sup> He called for the Twelve and sent them out in pairs. He gave them authority over unclean spirits. <sup>8</sup> He instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a walking stick—no bread, no bags, and no money in their belts. <sup>9</sup> He told them to wear sandals but not to put on two shirts. <sup>10</sup> He said, “Whatever house you enter, remain there until you leave that place. <sup>11</sup> If a place doesn’t welcome you or listen to you, as you leave, shake the dust off your feet as a witness against them.” <sup>12</sup> So they went out and proclaimed that people should change their hearts and lives. <sup>13</sup> They cast out many demons, and they anointed many sick people with olive oil and healed them.

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

**P: Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

“To hear the hard Word”

HYMN

584 UMH Lord, You Give the Great Commission

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

2186 Song of Hope

POSTLUDE