

WORSHIP HANDOUT
August 29th
Sermon Series: “Don’t skip leg day”
Homecoming Sunday



OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PA in the office on Wednesday.

PRELUDE – United Handbells

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

The world is hard

Our losses real

Our grief tangible

Our fear palpable

Merciful God, quiet our rush to judgment.

The world is heavy

Our anxiety clawing

Our confusion large

Our responsibility tenuous

Brooding God, slow our impulsive actions.

The world is mystery

Our faith rooting
Our hope kindling
Our love blossoming

Loving God, may we be quick in our understanding of your call.

~ written by Katherine Hawker, on **Liturgy Outside.** <http://liturgyoutside.net/>

***HYMN**

92 For the Beauty of the Earth

TIME OF PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER

**Lord,
let our hearts not be
far from you.**

**Help us reach out to our neighbor,
even when we are busy or tired.
Let us tear down walls
when we'd
rather
let them stand.**

Stretch us, please.

**Whether we are
visiting a prisoner, offering a smile, feeding the hungry,
be within us so that whatever we do,
we do with your love.**

**Let the world know we are your disciples
not because our hands are clean,
but because they are soiled**

**with the mark of your
people.**

~ written by Anne Osdieck, and posted on Saint Louis University's The Center for Liturgy web site. <http://liturgy.slu.edu/>

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.

ANTHEM Written in Red by Jensen/Kirkland (Chancel Choir)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Andrew

Kids Depart For Children's Church

LESSON I

CEB

James 1:17-27

¹⁷ Every good gift, every perfect gift, comes from above. These gifts come down from the Father, the creator of the heavenly lights, in whose character there is no change at all. ¹⁸ He chose to give us birth by his true word, and here is the result: we are like the first crop from the harvest of everything he created.

¹⁹ Know this, my dear brothers and sisters: everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to grow angry. ²⁰ This is because an angry person doesn't produce God's righteousness. ²¹ Therefore, with humility, set aside all moral filth and the growth of wickedness, and

welcome the word planted deep inside you—the very word that is able to save you.

²² You must be doers of the word and not only hearers who mislead themselves. ²³ Those who hear but don't do the word are like those who look at their faces in a mirror. ²⁴ They look at themselves, walk away, and immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵ But there are those who study the perfect law, the law of freedom, and continue to do it. They don't listen and then forget, but they put it into practice in their lives. They will be blessed in whatever they do.

²⁶ If those who claim devotion to God don't control what they say, they mislead themselves. Their devotion is worthless. ²⁷ True devotion, the kind that is pure and faultless before God the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their difficulties and to keep the world from contaminating us.

May God add a blessing to this reading.

*LESSON 2

CEB

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15

The Pharisees and some legal experts from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus. 2 They saw some of his disciples eating food with unclean hands. (They were eating without first ritually purifying their hands through washing. 3 The Pharisees and all the Jews don't eat without first washing their hands carefully. This is a way of observing the rules handed down by the elders. 4 Upon returning from the marketplace, they don't eat without first immersing themselves. They observe many other rules that have been handed down, such as the washing of cups, jugs, pans, and sleeping mats.) 5 So the Pharisees and legal experts asked Jesus, "Why are your disciples not living according to the rules handed down by the elders but instead eat food with ritually unclean hands?"

6 He replied, "Isaiah really knew what he was talking about when he prophesied about you hypocrites. He wrote,

*This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far away from me.*

*7 Their worship of me is empty
since they teach instructions that are human words.*

8 You ignore God's commandment while holding on to rules created by humans and handed down to you."

Then Jesus called the crowd again and said, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand. ¹⁵ Nothing outside of a person can enter and contaminate a person in God's sight; rather, the things that come out of a person contaminate the person."

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

P: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

"Why we look forward"

HYMN

399 Take My Life, and Let It Be

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

581 (vs. 4 only) Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

POSTLUDE