

## WORSHIP HANDOUT

August 8th



### OPENING OF WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

### PRELUDE

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: If you arrive here hungry for more of that divine bread which feeds your soul, then I welcome you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

P: Sometimes we are disappointed by others, but he will not disappoint us.

L: His grace is sufficient for all your needs.

P: *Jesus says: "I am the bread of life.*

*Those who come to me shall not hunger,  
and those who believe in me shall never thirst."*

### \*HYMN

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

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### TIME OF PRAYER

#### UNISON PRAYER

Feed us now, Child of God, as you fed your first disciples.

Feed us with that soul-food which nurtures enough love within us to outstrip the fears and enmity that ties the world up in knots.

Feed us with that spiritual bread which strengthens our hands for serving those broken and lost people whom this world deems a waste of space.

Feed us, so that we may be fulfilled with some of that joy which the universe cannot contain.

For your love's sake.

**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            Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart            UMH #500

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

LESSON    I                    CEB                                    John 15:9-17

<sup>9</sup>“As the Father loved me, I too have loved you. Remain in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I kept my Father’s commandments and remain in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy will be in you and your joy will be complete. <sup>12</sup>This is my commandment: love each other just as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than to give up one’s life for one’s friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>I give you these commandments so that you can love each other.

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

**2** After a few days, Jesus went back to Capernaum, and people heard that he was at home. **2** So many gathered that there was no longer space, not even near the door. Jesus was speaking the word to them. **3** Some people arrived, and four of them were bringing to him a man who was paralyzed. **4** They couldn't carry him through the crowd, so they tore off part of the roof above where Jesus was. When they had made an opening, they lowered the mat on which the paralyzed man was lying. **5** When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Child, your sins are forgiven!" **6** Some legal experts were sitting there, muttering among themselves, **7** "Why does he speak this way? He's insulting God. Only the one God can forgive sins." **8** Jesus immediately recognized what they were discussing, and he said to them, "Why do you fill your minds with these questions? **9** Which is easier—to say to a paralyzed person, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take up your bed, and walk'? **10** But so you will know that the Human One<sup>[a]</sup> has authority on the earth to forgive sins"—he said to the man who was paralyzed, **11** "Get up, take your mat, and go home." **12** Jesus raised him up, and right away he picked up his mat and walked out in front of everybody. They were all amazed and praised God, saying, "We've never seen anything like this!"

**P: Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

"I Have Called You Friend"

HYMN

The Gift of Love

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## OFFERTORY

### \*DOXOLOGY

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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

“Loving God, creator of the universe, You made a world of wonder and beauty. We pray that wherever that beauty has been disfigured by poverty, sickness, war, and greed, that our gifts would help to bring healing, justice, love, and peace. May our offerings be multiplied and used to bless others. In Your name we pray,  
Amen.

## BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

Sweet, Sweet Spirit 334 UMH

## POSTLUDE