

WORSHIP HANDOUT
October 3rd
World Communion Sunday
Sermon Series: “Words, Words, Words”



OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PRELUDE

OPENING SONG

Open Doors

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather around the Table in places far and near

P: Eating sourdough, rye, tortillas.

L: Crackers, wafers, and Wonderbread—

P: The body of Christ.

Leader: Drinking the wine or the juice

P: from handmade chalices and silver goblets,

L: golden spoons and little mini cups—

P: The blood of Christ.

Leader: The bread and the cup unite us with all who would follow Jesus.

P: This meal reaches back through the centuries.

L: This table reaches around the world.

All: Let us eat and drink with joy.

~ written by Joanna Harader, and posted on her **Spacious Faith** blog. <http://spaciousfaith.com/>

*HYMN

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
(Becky Johnson’s favorite)

UMH 89

TIME OF PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER

**Wondrous God of infinite love and boundless compassion,
mark our hearts with the seal of your handiwork
Create within us the joy of being in your presence.
Stitch into our souls the desire to serve,
the power to heal,
and the capacity to love deeply and genuinely.
Mold us into reservoirs of hope,
that we might pour out your bountiful blessings
upon all of your people.**

**May this time we partake of the body and blood of Jesus
unite us in the community of saints who know your love
and proclaim your Son with fervor and grace
to a broken and hurting world.**

**May your healing hands be the salve
for ending hurt and violence in this world,
even as we prepare for the next.
In the holy Name of Jesus. Amen.**

~ written by Leonard Sweet, posted on Preach the Story. <https://preachthestory.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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

LESSON 1

CEB

Job 1:1, 2:1-10

A man in the land of Uz was named Job. That man was honest, a person of absolute integrity; he feared God and avoided evil.

One day the divine beings came to present themselves before the Lord. The Adversary also came among them to present himself before the Lord. ² The Lord said to the Adversary, “Where have you come from?”

The Adversary answered the Lord, “From wandering throughout the earth.”

³ The Lord said to the Adversary, “Have you thought about my servant Job, for there is no one like him on earth, a man who is honest, who is of absolute integrity, who reveres God and avoids evil? He still holds on to his integrity, even though you incited me to ruin him for no reason.”

⁴ The Adversary responded to the Lord, “Skin for skin—people will give up everything they have in exchange for their lives. ⁵ But stretch out your hand and strike his bones and flesh. Then he will definitely curse you to your face.”

⁶ The Lord answered the Adversary, “There he is—within your power; only preserve his life.”

⁷ The Adversary departed from the Lord’s presence and struck Job with severe sores from the sole of his foot to the top of his head. ⁸ Job took a piece of broken pottery to scratch himself and sat down on a mound of ashes. ⁹ Job’s wife said to him, “Are you still clinging to your integrity? Curse God, and die.”

¹⁰ Job said to her, “You’re talking like a foolish woman. Will we receive good from God but not also receive bad?” In all this, Job didn’t sin with his lips.

May God add a blessing to this reading.

Some Pharisees came and, trying to test him, they asked, “Does the Law allow a man to divorce his wife?”

3 Jesus answered, “What did Moses command you?”

4 They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a divorce certificate and to divorce his wife.”

5 Jesus said to them, “He wrote this commandment for you because of your unyielding hearts. 6 At the beginning of creation, *God made them male and female.* 7 Because of this, a man should leave his father and mother and be joined together with his wife, 8 and the two will be one flesh. So they are no longer two but one flesh. 9 Therefore, humans must not pull apart what God has put together.”

10 Inside the house, the disciples asked him again about this. 11 He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; 12 and if a wife divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

13 People were bringing children to Jesus so that he would bless them. But the disciples scolded them. 14 When Jesus saw this, he grew angry and said to them, “Allow the children to come to me. Don’t forbid them, because God’s kingdom belongs to people like these children. 15 I assure you that whoever doesn’t welcome God’s kingdom like a child will never enter it.” 16 Then he hugged the children and blessed them.

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

P: Thanks be to God.

HYMN One Bread, One Body
SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

UMH 620

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

We've a Story to Tell to the Nations UMH 569 v I

POSTLUDE