

WORSHIP HANDOUT
September 12
Sermon Series: "To Live the Word"



OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PRELUDE

*SONG OF WELCOME

Open Doors

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We come here today not because we are clever
but because God welcomes the slow learners.

**We come here not because we are wise,
but because God loves us in spite of our folly.**

We come knowing that the greatest persons will be found
among those who humbly serve like Jesus did,
and that the brightest ideas and the deepest truth will come
from those who see themselves as little children in Christ's school.

**O Lord, open up our mind and our hearts
and enable our lives to declare your praise.**

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

*OPENING HYMN

UMH 159 Lift High the Cross (CCLI)
(Bret Johnson's favorite)

TIME OF PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER

**Lord Jesus,
You are a Lord who walks beside your people.
So we pray for people who walk for justice.**

**You are a Lord who raises up those who are bent low.
So we pray for those held down by the grindings of life
and the indifference of the world.**

**You are a Lord who feeds the hungry
So we pray for all who long for bread
And the means to provide it.**

**You are a Lord who celebrates the small and the insignificant.
So we pray for the children
And for those who are never noticed.**

**You are a Lord who says 'Follow me'.
So we pray for courage and faith in our hearts
That we may take up the cross and find it leads to life. Amen.**

~ posted on the **Christian Aid** website. <http://www.christianaid.org.uk/>

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 **God's Love Never Changes** by Dick and Melody Tunney

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Tammie Stevens

LESSON I

CEB

James 3:1-12

My brothers and sisters, not many of you should become teachers,
because we know that we teachers will be judged more strictly. ²We
all make mistakes often, but those who don't make mistakes with their
words have reached full maturity. Like a bridled horse, they can control
themselves entirely.

³ When we bridle horses and put bits in their mouths to lead them wherever we want, we can control their whole bodies.

⁴ Consider ships: They are so large that strong winds are needed to drive them. But pilots direct their ships wherever they want with a little rudder. ⁵ In the same way, even though the tongue is a small part of the body, it boasts wildly.

Think about this: A small flame can set a whole forest on fire. ⁶ The tongue is a small flame of fire, a world of evil at work in us. It contaminates our entire lives. Because of it, the circle of life is set on fire. The tongue itself is set on fire by the flames of hell.

⁷ People can tame and already have tamed every kind of animal, bird, reptile, and fish. ⁸ No one can tame the tongue, though. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹ With it we both bless the Lord and Father and curse human beings made in God's likeness. ¹⁰ Blessing and cursing come from the same mouth. My brothers and sisters, it just shouldn't be this way!

¹¹ Both fresh water and salt water don't come from the same spring, do they? ¹² My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree produce olives? Can a grapevine produce figs? Of course not, and fresh water doesn't flow from a saltwater spring either.

May God add a blessing to this reading.

*LESSON 2

CEB

Mark 8:27-38

27 Jesus and his disciples went into the villages near Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?"

28 They told him, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, and still others one of the prophets."

29 He asked them, "And what about you? Who do you say that I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Christ." 30 Jesus ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

31 Then Jesus began to teach his disciples: "The Human One must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and the legal experts, and be killed, and then, after three days, rise from the dead." 32 He said this plainly. But Peter took hold of Jesus and, scolding him, began to correct him. 33 Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, then sternly corrected Peter: "Get behind me, Satan. You are not thinking God's thoughts but human thoughts."

34 After calling the crowd together with his disciples, Jesus said to them, “All who want to come after me must say no to themselves, take up their cross, and follow me. 35 All who want to save their lives will lose them. But all who lose their lives because of me and because of the good news will save them. 36 Why would people gain the whole world but lose their lives? 37 What will people give in exchange for their lives? 38 Whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this unfaithful and sinful generation, the Human One will be ashamed of that person when he comes in the Father’s glory with the holy angels.

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

P: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

“Witness authentically”

HYMN

TFWS 2129 I Have Decided to Follow Jesus
(CCLI)

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

UMH 336 Of All the Spirit’s Gifts to Me
(vs.5 only)

POSTLUDE