

WORSHIP HANDOUT
September 5
Sermon Series: "To Live the Word"
Communion Sunday



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 can trust God.

God is like the mountain: rock solid.

God loves all the people:

the poor, the disabled, the outcast, the stranger.

We can depend on God.

**God feeds the hungry, heals the sick,
and restores relationships.**

Praise our Loving God.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

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*OPENING HYMN UMH 310 He Lives (CCLI)(Nick Tuma's favorite)

TIME OF PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER

Don't beg. My mother told me. Don't whine.

I tell my children. Be polite. The key to civil society.

The foreigner approached the rabbi. Her need was great,
her daughter ill, Her desperation complete.

She begged. She whined. She was impolite.

Faith emboldened by need Shouting. Heard. Healing.

Uppity faith and Feisty women Annoyance rewarded.

Challenge inspiring.

~ written by Katherine Hawker, based on Mark 7:24-30 (Matthew 15:21-28). Posted on the Liturgy Outside website. <http://liturgyoutside.net/>

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

UMH 454 Open My Eyes, That I May See (CCLI)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Andrew

LESSON I

CEB

James 2:1-17

My brothers and sisters, when you show favoritism you deny the faithfulness of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has been resurrected in glory. ² Imagine two people coming into your meeting. One has a gold ring and fine clothes, while the other is poor, dressed in filthy rags. ³ Then suppose that you were to take special notice of the one wearing fine clothes, saying, "Here's an excellent place. Sit here." But to the poor person you say, "Stand over there"; or, "Here, sit at my feet." ⁴ Wouldn't you have shown favoritism among yourselves and become evil-minded judges?

⁵ My dear brothers and sisters, listen! Hasn't God chosen those who are poor by worldly standards to be rich in terms of faith? Hasn't God chosen the poor as heirs of the kingdom he has promised to those who love him? ⁶ But you have dishonored the poor. Don't the wealthy make life difficult for you? Aren't they the ones who drag you into court? ⁷ Aren't they the ones who insult the good name spoken over you at your baptism?

⁸ You do well when you really fulfill the royal law found in scripture, *Love your neighbor as yourself.*

⁹ But when you show favoritism, you are committing a sin, and by that same law you are exposed as a lawbreaker. ¹⁰ Anyone who tries to keep all of the Law but fails at one point is guilty of failing to keep all of it. ¹¹ The one who said, *Don't commit adultery*, also said, *Don't commit murder*. So if you don't commit adultery but do commit murder, you are a lawbreaker.

¹² In every way, then, speak and act as people who will be judged by the law of freedom. ¹³ There will be no mercy in judgment for anyone who hasn't shown mercy. Mercy overrules judgment.

¹⁴ My brothers and sisters, what good is it if people say they have faith but do nothing to show it? Claiming to have faith can't save anyone, can it? ¹⁵ Imagine a brother or sister who is naked and never has enough food to eat. ¹⁶ What if one of you said, "Go in peace! Stay warm! Have a nice meal!"? What good is it if you don't actually give them what their body needs? ¹⁷ In the same way, faith is dead when it doesn't result in faithful activity.

May God add a blessing to this reading.

*LESSON 2

CEB

Mark 7:24-37

²⁴ Jesus left that place and went into the region of Tyre. He didn't want anyone to know that he had entered a house, but he couldn't hide. ²⁵ In fact, a woman whose young daughter was possessed by an unclean spirit heard about him right away. She came and fell at his feet. ²⁶ The woman was Greek, Syrophenician by birth. She begged Jesus to throw the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷ He responded, "The children have to be fed first. It isn't right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs."

²⁸ But she answered, "Lord, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs."

²⁹ "Good answer!" he said. "Go on home. The demon has already left your daughter." ³⁰ When she returned to her house, she found the child lying on the bed and the demon gone.

³¹ After leaving the region of Tyre, Jesus went through Sidon toward the Galilee Sea through the region of the Ten Cities. ³² Some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly speak, and they begged him to place his hand on the man for healing.

³³ Jesus took him away from the crowd by himself and put his fingers in the man's ears.

Then he spit and touched the man's tongue.

³⁴ Looking into heaven, Jesus sighed deeply and said, "*Ephphatha*," which means, "Open up." ³⁵ At once, his ears opened, his twisted tongue was released, and he began to speak clearly.

³⁶ Jesus gave the people strict orders not to tell anyone. But the more he tried to silence them, the more eagerly they shared the news.

³⁷ People were overcome with wonder, saying, "He does everything well! He even makes the deaf to hear and gives speech to those who can't speak."

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

P: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

"Live generously"

HYMN

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In Remembrance of Me (CCLI)

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

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 (vs.5 only) Of All the Spirit's Gifts to Me

POSTLUDE