

WORSHIP HANDOUT  
October 17<sup>th</sup>  
Sermon Series: “Words, Words, Words”



OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

E-Offering, no more capital campaign though.

PRELUDE

OPENING SONG

Open Doors

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We may come here for a glimpse of glory,

**P: But Jesus asks us: “Can you drink the cup that I drink?”**

L: The cup of Jesus’ own life: struggle and joy; suffering and hope.

Fullness of life! We may come here to get close to Jesus,

**P: And Jesus asks us: “Can you be baptized with my baptism?”**

L: Baptized into the reign of God,

where the Spirit breaks down barriers among all people  
and creates new relationships. We may come here for honor

or fame,

**P: But Jesus challenges us: “To become great you must serve!”**

L: Why are we here?

**P: To drink the cup of fullness of life;**

**To immerse ourselves in Jesus’ struggle for justice and peace;**

**To learn how to serve so that the world may be healed.**  
\*HYMN                      UMH 152 I Sing the Almighty Power of God

TIME OF PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER

**Holy Dwelling Place,  
Your tent is wide enough to provide  
shelter for all who seek you,  
food for all who hunger, and  
healing for all who suffer.  
Meet us here today, and fill us with confidence in your  
presence,  
that we may risk sharing Jesus' cup and his baptism  
so the world may become  
the place of love and justice you desire for all.  
Shelter us with your light,  
and clothe us with your heavenly garments.  
Teach us how we may best serve ourselves and one another  
on this daring adventure. Amen.**

~ written by the Rev. Dr. Kristina Lizardy-Hajbi, and posted on the United Church of Christ's Worship  
Ways website. <http://www.ucc.org/worship/worship-ways/>

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

UMH415 Take Up Thy Cross

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

LESSON 1

CEB

Job 38:1-7

**Then the Lord answered Job from the whirlwind:**

**<sup>2</sup>Who is this darkening counsel  
with words lacking knowledge?**

**<sup>3</sup>Prepare yourself like a man;  
I will interrogate you, and you will respond to me.**

**<sup>4</sup>Where were you when I laid the earth's foundations?  
Tell me if you know.**

**<sup>5</sup>Who set its measurements? Surely you know.  
Who stretched a measuring tape on it?**

**<sup>6</sup>On what were its footings sunk;  
who laid its cornerstone,**

**<sup>7</sup>while the morning stars sang in unison  
and all the divine beings shouted?**

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

\*LESSON 2

CEB

Mark 10:35-45

**35 James and John, Zebedee's sons, came to Jesus and said,  
"Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask."**

**36 "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked.**

**37 They said, "Allow one of us to sit on your right and the  
other on your left when you enter your glory."**

**38 Jesus replied, "You don't know what you're asking! Can you  
drink the cup I drink or receive the baptism I receive?"**

**39 "We can," they answered.**

**Jesus said, "You will drink the cup I drink and receive the  
baptism I receive, 40 but to sit at my right or left hand isn't  
mine to give. It belongs to those for whom it has been  
prepared."**

**41 Now when the other ten disciples heard about this, they became angry with James and John. 42 Jesus called them over and said, “You know that the ones who are considered the rulers by the Gentiles show off their authority over them and their high-ranking officials order them around. 43 But that’s not the way it will be with you. Whoever wants to be great among you will be your servant. 44 Whoever wants to be first among you will be the slave of all, 45 for the Human One didn’t come to be served but rather to serve and to give his life to liberate many people.”**

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

**P:** Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

“The Worst of Us”

HYMN

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The Servant Song

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 3

## POSTLUDE