

WORSHIP HANDOUT
October 31st



OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Sisterhearts – secret santa type prayer group

PRELUDE

OPENING SONG

Open Hearts

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Once upon a time

a wise man offered a challenge;

"What is the greatest commandment?"

The calendars on our desks share a vision of greatness;

bills to pay, phone calls to return, appointments to keep.

P: Love the Lord your God.

L: The cameras of our memories share what commands us;

children to bathe and partners to help

parents calling and grandchildren hopeful.

P: Love the Lord your God

with all your heart, and with all your soul,

and with all your mind.

L: Still the Spirit lures us to new priorities;

open spaces to experience wonder,

strangers becoming friends,

devotion to that which transcends.

**P: Love the Lord your God
with all your heart, and with all your soul,
and with all your mind.
Love your neighbor as yourself.**

~ written by Katherine Hawker (2002) and posted on **Liturgies Outside.** <http://liturgyoutside.net/>

***HYMN TFWS 2223, They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love**

TIME OF PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER

**Holy God, we come together to worship,
a people who would like to think that we love you
with all our hearts and souls,
with all our might,**

**but there are so many other things in our lives
that clamor for our attention
that we often relegate you to Sundays
and Wednesdays,
and times when we want you to rescue us.**

**Most of us really do want you to be the one
in whom we live and move and have our being.
We really do want to hear your voice
above all of the other voices in our lives.
But we get bogged down in the daily routine.
We forget who we are.
We forget who you are.
We forget what the church is supposed to be.**

**So here we are, standing before you today,
with our human foibles
and our short attention spans,
asking that you would make yourself known to us,**

**that you would help us to recognize
the presence of the Holy,
that you would continue to challenge us,
inspire us,
and make us into the people you want us to be.**

Amen.

~ written by Katie Cook, in Sacred Seasons, Pentecost/Ordinary Time 2000. Posted on Simple Living Works. <http://simpleliving.startlogic.com/indexoth.php?place=archives/Articles/WorshipAltItems3.php>

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

TFWS 2168, Love the Lord Your God

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Andrew

LESSON I

CEB

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Now these are the commandments, the regulations, and the case laws that the Lord your God commanded me to teach you to follow in the land you are entering to possess, ² so that you will fear the Lord your God by keeping all his regulations and his commandments that I am commanding you—both you and your sons and daughters—all the days of your life and so that you will lengthen your life. ³ Listen to them, Israel! Follow them carefully so that things will go well for you and so that you will continue to multiply exactly as the Lord, your ancestors' God, promised you, in a land full of milk and honey.

⁴ Israel, listen! Our God is the Lord! Only the Lord!

⁵ Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your being, and all your strength. ⁶ These words that I am commanding you today must always be on your minds. ⁷ Recite them to your children. Talk about them when you are sitting around your house and when you are out and about, when you are lying down and when you are getting up. ⁸ Tie them on your hand as a sign. They should be on your forehead as a symbol. ⁹ Write them on your house's doorframes and on your city's gates.

May God add a blessing to this reading.

*LESSON 2

CEB

Mark 12:28-34

²⁸ **One of the legal experts heard their dispute and saw how well Jesus answered them. He came over and asked him, “Which commandment is the most important of all?”**

²⁹ **Jesus replied, “The most important one is *Israel, listen! Our God is the one Lord,* ³⁰ and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, with all your mind, and with all your strength. ³¹ The second is this, *You will love your neighbor as yourself.* No other commandment is greater than these.”**

³² **The legal expert said to him, “Well said, Teacher. You have truthfully said that God is one and there is no other besides him. ³³ And to love God with all of the heart, a full understanding, and all of one's strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself is much more important than all kinds of entirely burned offerings and sacrifices.”**

³⁴ **When Jesus saw that he had answered with wisdom, he said to him, “You aren't far from God's kingdom.” After that, no one dared to ask him any more questions.**

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

P: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

“Top of the Charts”

HYMN

UMH 432, Jesu, Jesu

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