

WORSHIP HANDOUT

Sunday March 13th
Second Sunday in Lent



OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

If God is a hen,

we are under God's wing.

If God is a table,

we each have a seat.

If God is a house,

we are safe from the storm.

If God is a party,

we're invited to dance.

If God is a melody,

our names are the lyrics.

If this is God's house,

then all are welcomed. All are loved. All belong.

Let us worship Holy god.

*HYMN

TFWS 2001 We Sing to You, O God

TIME OF PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER

Holy God,

this life of ours is full to the brim.

Our days are overflowing with emails and to-do lists,
schedules and notifications,

assignments and deadlines.
We wake up feeling behind,
we go to sleep worrying about tomorrow,
and we know—there has to be more than this.
So we pray:
bend down and show us the way.
Leave breadcrumbs in the street.
Point us toward awe and wonder.
Guide us to intimacy and trust.
Gift us with laughter that will make us cry
and hope that will make us feel alive.
We want a new kind of full to the brim.
Show us the way.
We are listening for your cues.
Gratefully we pray, amen.

PASTORAL AND SILENT 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.

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

UMH 95

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.

HYMN UMH 523 Saranam, Saranam (chorus, vs. 1 only, chorus)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FULL TO THE BRIM VIDEO

LESSON I Philippians 3:17-4:1 CEB

3:17 Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us.

3:18 For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears.

3:19 Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things.

3:20 But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

3:21 He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

4:1 Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

May God add a blessing to this reading.

*LESSON 2

Luke 13:31-35 CEB

³¹ At that time, some Pharisees approached Jesus and said, “Go! Get away from here, because Herod wants to kill you.”

³² Jesus said to them, “Go, tell that fox, ‘Look, I’m throwing out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will complete my work. ³³ However, it’s necessary for me to travel today, tomorrow, and the next day because it’s impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’

³⁴ “Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those who were sent to you! How often I have wanted to gather your people just as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings. But you didn’t want that. ³⁵ Look, your house is abandoned. I tell you, you won’t see me until the time comes when you say, *Blessings on the one who comes in the Lord’s name.*”

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

P: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

“How can I look forward?”

HYMN

Lavish Love, Abundant Beauty

CALL TO CONFESSION

Family of faith,

we come to confession not to wallow in our own guilt.

Instead, we come to confession because we know that change starts with being honest.

So in a desire to grow and change,

let us pray to a God who loves us like a mother hen.

Let us confess our sins together. . .

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

When the Pharisees tried to stop Jesus, Jesus said,
“I will keep on.”

I will keep on healing.

I will keep on teaching.

I will keep on preaching.

I will keep on flipping the tables of injustice.

I will keep on treating every person like a child of God.

I will keep on believing that this world can change.

I will keep on

and keep on

and keep on until God’s promised day.

Forgive us, God, for the times when we stop.

Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Family of faith, because Jesus’ love just keeps going, we can trust that that love and

grace exists for us.

So rest in this good news:

No matter what we do wrong or what we leave undone, we are under God’s wing.

We are loved, held, and forgiven. Thanks be to God for a love like that! Amen.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - A modern paraphrase of Psalm 27

The Lord is my light.

**The Lord surrounds me
like a warm, familiar quilt,
in layers of grace.**

Whom shall I fear?

**The Lord is the sturdy foundation
and the roof over my head.**

I am not afraid.

**When the world is at its worst—
when grief clings to my bones,**

when fear eats at my confidence,
when loneliness moves into my house—
**God sets the table,
turns on the lights,
and invites me to dance.**

**So even though there are days
that feel like too much to bear,
I know—I am not alone.
So I ask the Lord,
I seek and I pray—
let me live in your house
all of my days. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Even in the Desert, **vs. 3 only**

POSTLUDE