

WORSHIP HANDOUT

Sunday June 26th

Dr. Seuss' Series



OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Soup's On Returns inside in July – to go meals still available inside building

PRELUDE

*Song of Welcome: Open Doors, by Chris McManus

*CALL TO WORSHIP

“Jesus set his face toward Jerusalem.” (Luke 9:51)

**Our Lord is on a journey,
and the way leads through opposition and misunderstanding.**

Jesus invites us to follow him.

**This journey leads through the shadows of betrayal,
the night of Gethsemane,
the afternoon darkness of Golgotha.**

“Then Jesus told his disciples,

‘If any want to become my followers,

let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

For those who want to save their life will lose it,

and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.” (Matt. 16:24-25)

Our Lord is on a journey.

**May we have the grace to follow this Christ,
and to give to him our very lives.**

**For in giving away our lives, we find them,
and in dying we live.**

— from a Palm Sunday order of worship at First Baptist Church, Carrollton, Georgia. Posted on the [Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Georgia](#) website.

Opening Hymn: UMH 336 Of All the Spirit's Gifts to Me

TIME OF PRAYER
UNISON PRAYER

Our God, you have given us in your word
the stories of persons who needed to leave their homelands—
Abraham, Sarah, Ruth, Moses.

Help us to remember
that when we speak of immigrants and refugees,
we speak of Christ.

In the One who had no place to lay his head,
and in the least of his brothers and sisters,
you come to us again, a stranger seeking refuge.

We confess that we often turn away.

You have chosen that the life of Jesus be filled
with events of unplanned travel and flight from enemies.

You have shown us through the modeling of Jesus
how we are called to relate to persons from different nations and
cultures.

You have called us to be teachers of your word.

We ask you, our God, to open our minds and hearts
to the challenge and invitation
to model your perfect example of love.
Amen.

~ adapted from Justice for Immigrants, "Prayer and Liturgy Suggestions," originally posted on the **Justice for Immigrants** website. <https://justiceforimmigrants.org/>
Available now on the **NC Council of Churches** website.
<https://www.ncchurches.org/lectionary/httpwww-ncchurches-orgp19454/>

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.

SONG AS CHILDREN GATHER TFWS 2233 Where Children Belong

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN TFWS 2130 The Summons

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

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.

*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.

*LESSON 1

Luke 9:51-62 CEB

51 As the time approached when Jesus was to be taken up into heaven, he determined to go to Jerusalem. **52** He sent messengers on ahead of him. Along the way, they entered a Samaritan village to prepare for his arrival, **53** but the Samaritan villagers refused to welcome him because he was determined to go to Jerusalem. **54** When the disciples James and John saw this, they said, “Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to consume them?” **55** But Jesus turned and spoke sternly to them, **56** and they went on to another village.

57 As Jesus and his disciples traveled along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.”

58 Jesus replied, “Foxes have dens and the birds in the sky have nests, but the Human One has no place to lay his head.”

59 Then Jesus said to someone else, “Follow me.”

He replied, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.”

60 Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead. But you go and spread the news of God’s kingdom.”

61 Someone else said to Jesus, “I will follow you, Lord, but first let me say good-bye to those in my house.”

62 Jesus said to him, “No one who puts a hand on the plow and looks back is fit for God’s kingdom.”

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

P: Thanks be to God.

LESSON 2

The Butter Battle Book

MESSAGE

“A Different Perspective”

HYMN UMH 415 Take Up Thy Cross

BENEDICTION
 UMH 143 On Eagle's Wings

POSTLUDE