

WORSHIP HANDOUT  
Sunday July 10<sup>th</sup>



OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

\*Song of Welcome: Open Doors, by Chris McManus

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come today from different places, different moods, different mornings.

**All: Some are hectic and rushed, others quiet, perhaps forlorn. Regardless, we are loved equally in God's eyes.**

One: We pray for health or happiness; some pray for strength or support.

**All: We pray in joy and hope and longing, and God hears each prayer the same.**

One: We worship with different voices and talents, and we lift up our hearts united in praise.

**All: Each one of us is unique and beloved; together we praise God who welcomes our worship as one.**

\*Opening Hymn: O Church of God, United (CCLI) UMH #547

TIME OF PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER

Inspiring God, grant us the power of curiosity and imagination, to see the world as you do; to look on our neighbors with love and acceptance; to welcome the stranger with warmth and generosity.

Awaken our compassion to recognize the dignity and humanity within each one of your children, regardless of their creed or color, their

wealth or environment. Strengthen us with the power of the Holy Spirit.

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.

## SONG AS CHILDREN GATHER TFWS 2233 Where Children Belong

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN            Help Us Accept Each Other (CCLI)            UMH #560

### 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****Revelation 21: 1-5 CEB**

**Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup> I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. <sup>3</sup> I heard a loud voice from the throne say, “Look! God’s dwelling is here with humankind. He will dwell with them, and they will be his peoples. God himself will be with them as their God. <sup>4</sup> He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more. There will be no mourning, crying, or pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.” <sup>5</sup> Then the one seated on the throne said, “Look! I’m making all things new.” He also said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”**

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

**LESSON 2      Acts 11: 1-18**

**The apostles and the brothers and sisters throughout Judea heard that even the Gentiles had welcomed God’s word. <sup>2</sup> When Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him. <sup>3</sup> They accused him, “You went into the home of the uncircumcised and ate with them!” <sup>4</sup> Step-by-step, Peter explained what had happened. <sup>5</sup> “I was in the city of Joppa praying when I had a visionary experience. In my vision, I saw something like a large linen sheet being lowered from heaven by its four corners. It came all the way down to me. <sup>6</sup> As I stared at it, wondering what it was, I saw four-legged animals—including wild beasts—as well as reptiles and wild birds.<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>7</sup> I heard a voice say, ‘Get up, Peter! Kill and eat!’ <sup>8</sup> I responded, ‘Absolutely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ <sup>9</sup> The voice from heaven spoke a second time, ‘Never consider unclean what God has**

made pure.’ <sup>10</sup> This happened three times, then everything was pulled back into heaven. <sup>11</sup> At that moment three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea arrived at the house where we were staying. <sup>12</sup> The Spirit told me to go with them even though they were Gentiles. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered that man’s house. <sup>13</sup> He reported to us how he had seen an angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and summon Simon, who is known as Peter. <sup>14</sup> He will tell you how you and your entire household can be saved.’ <sup>15</sup> When I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them, just as the Spirit fell on us in the beginning. <sup>16</sup> I remembered the Lord’s words: ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>17</sup> If God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, then who am I? Could I stand in God’s way?” <sup>18</sup> Once the apostles and other believers heard this, they calmed down. They praised God and concluded, “So then God has enabled Gentiles to change their hearts and lives so that they might have new life.”

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

**P: Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE                      What God Called Clean              Nick Gliha

HYMN                      In Christ There Is No East or West              UMH #548

BENEDICTION  
                    Joy in the Morning (CCLI) (all 3 verses)              TFWS #2284

POSTLUDE