

WORSHIP HANDOUT
Sunday July 17th
Series: What's Luke got to do with it?



OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*Song of Welcome: Open Doors, by Chris McManus

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come and worship!
Be still and aware of God's presence
within and around you.

(Pause)

Come and worship!
Be still and aware of Jesus' presence
within and around you.

(Pause)

Come and worship!
Be still and aware of the Spirit's presence
within and around you.

(Pause)

Be still and know the presence of the Triune God,
the Father to whom we come,

the Son through whom we come,
the Spirit by whom we come.

(Pause)

Hear his word:
Be STILL and know that I am God.

~ written by Rev. Dr. A.R. Neal Mathers, in *Mary and Martha: Worshipful Work*, posted on **Presbyterian Record**. <http://presbyterianrecord.ca/2013/06/21/drama-martha-and-mary-worshipful-work/>

*Opening Hymn: UMH 698 God of the Ages (pub dom)

TIME OF PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER

God

for everything there is a time,
and time is now our most precious commodity.

Our clocks are always running.

From birth to death:

during times of joy and sorrow:

work and play:

business and pleasure:

speech and silence:

worship and church activities:

tick, tock, tick, tock.

We are like Martha,
with our long to-do lists.

Slow us down Lord,
and for now simply remind us that
only one thing is needful,
that we be still before you
and know that you are God. Amen.

~ revised from a prayer by Rev. Dr. A.R. Neal Mathers, in *Mary and Martha: Worshipful Work*, posted on **Presbyterian Record**. <http://presbyterianrecord.ca/2013/06/21/drama-martha-and-mary-worshipful-work/>

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 UMH 358 Dear Lord and Father of Mankind (pub dom)

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 I Amos 8:1-12 CEB

This is what the Lord God showed me: a basket of summer fruit. ² He said, “Amos, what do you see?”

I said, “A basket of summer fruit.”

Then the Lord said to me,

**“The end has come upon my people Israel;
I will never again forgive them.**

**³ On that day, the people will wail the temple songs,”
says the Lord God;**

**“there will be many corpses,
thrown about everywhere.**

Silence.”

**Hear this, you who trample on the needy and destroy
the poor of the land, ⁵ saying,**

**“When will the new moon
be over so that we may sell grain,
and the Sabbath
so that we may offer wheat for sale,
make the ephah smaller, enlarge the shekel,
and deceive with false balances,**

**⁶ in order to buy the needy for silver
and the helpless for sandals,
and sell garbage as grain?”**

**⁷ The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Surely I will never forget what they have done.**

**⁸ Will not the land tremble on this account,
and all who live in it mourn,
as it rises and overflows like the Nile,
and then falls again, like the River of Egypt?**

On that day, says the Lord God,

**I will make the sun go down at noon,
and I will darken the earth in broad daylight.**

**¹⁰ I will turn your feasts into sad affairs
and all your singing into a funeral song;
I will make people wear mourning clothes**

and shave their heads;
I will make it like the loss of an only child,
and the end of it like a bitter day.

¹¹ The days are surely coming, says the Lord God,
when I will send hunger and thirst on the land;
neither a hunger for bread, nor a thirst for water,
but of hearing the Lord's words.

¹² They will wander from sea to sea,
and from north to east;
they will roam all around, seeking the Lord's word,
but they won't find it.

May God add a blessing to this reading.

*LESSON 2

Luke 10:38-42 CEB

38 While Jesus and his disciples were traveling, Jesus entered a village where a woman named Martha welcomed him as a guest. 39 She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his message. 40 By contrast, Martha was preoccupied with getting everything ready for their meal. So Martha came to him and said, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to prepare the table all by myself? Tell her to help me."

41 The Lord answered, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things. 42 One thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the better part. It won't be taken away from her."

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

P: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Why tell us this story?

HYMN Here I Am, Lord UMH 593 (one license)

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

UMH 666 Shalom (CCLI)

POSTLUDE