

WORSHIP HANDOUT
Sunday August 14th



OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us after worship for fellowship and school supplies assembly

PRELUDE

*Song of Welcome: Open Doors, by Chris McManus

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the God of all Creation.

Worship the One who calls us—

**speaking with a different voice,
offering an unexpected invitation.**

Celebrate the presence of our loving God.

Rejoice, the realm of God is near.

~ from "The Abingdon Worship Annual 2012" edited by Mary J. Scifres and B.J. Beu. Posted on the *Worship Elements* page of the **Ministry Matters** website. <http://www.ministrymatters.com/>

*Opening Hymn: "This Is My Father's Word" UMH #144

TIME OF PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER

Forgiving God, like Jonah we resist when asked to tell the story.

We find it hard to confess the name of Jesus.

We are awkward and feel inadequate.

But you have called us to speak and to act.

Like Simon and Andrew, James and John,

help us to rise up and follow wherever you lead.

Lord of surprising light, make us followers.

— from *Lift Up Your Hearts: Worship and Spirituality Site of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada* (ELCIC). <http://www.worship.ca/>

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 "I Love to Tell the Story" UMH #156

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 Jonah 1: 1-16 CEB

The Lord's word came to Jonah, Amittai's son: ² "Get up and go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it, for their evil has come to my attention."

³ So Jonah got up—to flee to Tarshish from the Lord! He went down to Joppa and found a ship headed for Tarshish. He paid the fare and went aboard to go with them to Tarshish, away from the Lord. ⁴ But the Lord hurled a great wind upon the sea, so that there was a great storm on the sea; the ship looked like it might be broken to pieces. ⁵ The sailors were terrified, and each one cried out to his god. They hurled the cargo that was in the ship into the sea to make it lighter.

Now Jonah had gone down into the hold of the vessel to lie down and was deep in sleep. ⁶ The ship's officer came and said to him, "How can you possibly be sleeping so deeply? Get up! Call on your god! Perhaps the god will give some thought to us so that we won't perish."

⁷ Meanwhile, the sailors said to each other, "Come on, let's cast lots so that we might learn who is to blame for this evil that's happening to us." They cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. ⁸ So they said to him, "Tell us, since you're the cause of this evil happening to us: What do you do and where are you from? What's your country and of what people are you?"

⁹ He said to them, "I'm a Hebrew. I worship the Lord, the God of heaven—who made the sea and the dry land."

¹⁰ Then the men were terrified and said to him, "What have you done?" (The men knew that Jonah was fleeing from the Lord, because he had told them.)

¹¹ They said to him, "What will we do about you so that the sea will become calm around us?" (The sea was continuing to rage.)

¹² He said to them, “Pick me up and hurl me into the sea! Then the sea will become calm around you. I know it’s my fault that this great storm has come upon you.”

¹³ The men rowed to reach dry land, but they couldn’t manage it because the sea continued to rage against them. ¹⁴ So they called on the Lord, saying, “Please, Lord, don’t let us perish on account of this man’s life, and don’t blame us for innocent blood! You are the Lord: whatever you want, you can do.” ¹⁵ Then they picked up Jonah and hurled him into the sea, and the sea ceased its raging. ¹⁶ The men worshipped the Lord with a profound reverence; they offered a sacrifice to the Lord and made solemn promises.

May God add a blessing to this reading.

***LESSON 2**

Jonah 2:1-10 CEB

Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from the belly of the fish:

² “I called out to the Lord in my distress, and he answered me.

**From the belly of the underworld I cried out for help;
you have heard my voice.**

**³ You had cast me into the depths in the heart of the seas,
and the flood surrounds me.**

All your strong waves and rushing water passed over me.

⁴ So I said, ‘I have been driven away from your sight.

Will I ever again look on your holy temple?

**⁵ Waters have grasped me to the point of death;
the deep surrounds me.**

Seaweed is wrapped around my head

⁶ at the base of the undersea mountains.

I have sunk down to the underworld;

its bars held me with no end in sight.

But you brought me out of the pit.’

**⁷ When my endurance was weakening,
I remembered the Lord,
and my prayer came to you,
to your holy temple.**

**⁸ Those deceived by worthless things lose their chance for
mercy.**

**⁹ But me, I will offer a sacrifice to you with a voice of thanks.
That which I have promised, I will pay.
Deliverance belongs to the Lord!"**

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

P: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE “Nope! No way! Never!” – Rev. Lisa Morrison

HYMN My Life Flows On TFWS 2212

BENEDICTION UMH 666 Shalom

POSTLUDE