

WORSHIP HANDOUT

Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>

Series: "What does the Bible say about that?"

Topic: Sabbath



ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

\*SONG OF WELCOME

"Open Doors" by Chris McManus

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come with what you have.  
For you who grieve this day  
know that you are invited to bring the broken pieces of your  
heart.

**Loved by one another,  
we discover God's love for us.**

Come with what you have.  
For you who come with gladness  
know that your melody will find harmony.

**Accepting God's love for us,  
we are called to love one another.**

Come with what you have.  
For you weighed down by too many 'shoulds' and 'what-ifs'  
know that here you may lay down the burdens of guilt and shame.

**Loved by one another,  
we discover God's love for us.**

Come with what you have.  
For you who have the answers,

know that new questions await you.  
**Accepting God's love for us,  
we are called to love one another.**

Come with what you have.  
For you who come seeking,  
know that your questions are safe in the presence of God.  
**Loved by one another,  
we discover God's love for us.**

~ written by Katherine Hawker, and posted on **Outside the Box**. <http://liturgyoutside.net/>

\*OPENING HYMN

“God of Love and God of Power”

UMH #578

OPENING PRAYER

**On this Sabbath day of rest, dear God, we turn to you,  
with thanks for the work that you give us to do.  
We work by night, by day,  
inside and in the great outdoors,  
we work in coveralls or suits or casual clothes,  
we work sitting, standing, travelling by car,  
we work with tools or books or instruments in our hands,  
we work silently, with words, or with technology.  
Whatever our work, it's shape or size, we do it for you.**

**Thank you for employment, for salaries and paychecks,  
for the chance to labor and do our best.  
Help us to remember that the work you give us to do,  
Lord  
is not always work that the world values or pays for.  
Bless our unpaid work of caregiving, whether for babies  
or children,  
adults with disabilities, or seniors who need help.**

**Focus our eyes on the work that you value above all;  
loving our neighbor, caring for the lowest and the least.**

**We ask for your forgiveness for the times we abuse the  
gift of work.**

**We give ourselves all the credit,  
not acknowledging what we owe to you and to the efforts  
of others.**

**We are afraid to take on the work that you give us to do,  
we are too lazy or too stubborn.**

**Sometimes we let work become a dictator.**

**We let it fill empty spaces in our lives  
which should be filled with other things.**

**We neglect people we love because of our work.**

**Help us, God, to find you in our work, to look for you in  
our work.**

**Help us as we seek a balance of work and play.**

**Thank you for giving us this Sabbath day where we can  
rest,**

**where we can pause and say thank you  
to the One whose work we are,  
to the One whose work we do.**

**Amen.**

~ written by Carol Penner, and posted on Leading in Worship. <http://carolpenner.typepad.com/leadinginworship/>

SONG AS CHILDREN GATHER

“Where Children Belong”

TFWS #2233

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN

“Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”

UMH #358

TIME OF PRAYER

SILENT AND PASTORAL PRAYER

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

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      Isaiah 58:9b-14      CEB

If you remove the yoke from among you,  
the finger-pointing, the wicked speech;  
<sup>10</sup> if you open your heart to the hungry,

and provide abundantly for those who are afflicted,  
your light will shine in the darkness,  
and your gloom will be like the noon.

<sup>11</sup> The Lord will guide you continually  
and provide for you, even in parched places.  
He will rescue your bones.

You will be like a watered garden,  
like a spring of water that won't run dry.

<sup>12</sup> They will rebuild ancient ruins on your account;  
the foundations of generations past you will restore.

You will be called Mender of Broken Walls,  
Restorer of Livable Streets.

<sup>13</sup> If you stop trampling the Sabbath,  
stop doing whatever you want on my holy day,  
and consider the Sabbath a delight,  
sacred to the Lord, honored,  
and honor it instead of doing things your way,  
seeking what you want and doing business as usual,

<sup>14</sup> then you will take delight in the Lord.  
I will let you ride on the heights of the earth;  
I will sustain you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob.  
The mouth of the Lord has spoken.

May God add a blessing to this reading.

\*LESSON 2                      Luke 13:10-17                      CEB

<sup>10</sup> Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. <sup>11</sup> A woman was there who had been disabled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and couldn't stand up straight. <sup>12</sup> When he saw her, Jesus called her to him and said, "Woman, you are set free from your sickness." <sup>13</sup> He placed his hands on her and she straightened up at once and praised God.

<sup>14</sup> The synagogue leader, incensed that Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, responded, “There are six days during which work is permitted. Come and be healed on those days, not on the Sabbath day.”

<sup>15</sup> The Lord replied, “Hypocrites! Don’t each of you on the Sabbath untie your ox or donkey from its stall and lead it out to get a drink? <sup>16</sup> Then isn’t it necessary that this woman, a daughter of Abraham, bound by Satan for eighteen long years, be set free from her bondage on the Sabbath day?” <sup>17</sup> When he said these things, all his opponents were put to shame, but all those in the crowd rejoiced at all the extraordinary things he was doing.

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

**P: Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

“Just when you sit down...”

Rev. Andrew Scott

\*HYMN

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

UMH #454

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Song of Hope”

TFWS #2186

POSTLUDE