

WORSHIP HANDOUT  
Sunday August 7<sup>th</sup>  
Series: What's Luke got to do with it?



OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PA office hours Tuesday and Wednesday's.

PA Out of Town August 11-14. Guest Preacher Rev. Lisa Morrison next Sunday.

PRELUDE

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

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

God has called us like Moses in the wilderness,  
the prophets in the hills, and the disciples in the cities.

**They shared their blessings so that we might know  
God's presence here.**

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,  
let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so  
closely.

**Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before  
us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our  
faith.**

~ posted on the website of the Purity Presbyterian Church. <http://puritypc.com/>

\*Opening Hymn: "In Remembrance of Me" TFWVS# 2254

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation:

Christ our Lord invites to the table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another.

Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Confession and Pardon:

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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**Glory to God. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving:

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing...

...We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ...

...as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Pour out your holy spirit...

## TAKING THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

### PRAYER RESPONSE

Let us join in the prayer found on the screen,

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SONG AS CHILDREN GATHER TFWS 2233 Where Children Belong

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

#### TIME OF PRAYER

#### UNISON PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, you tell us not to be afraid of what the future holds, not to worry about tomorrow, but you know how difficult we find it to heed your words. For we worry about so many things, our families, our friends, our circumstances, some worries big worries, most worries tiny niggles. We come before you this day with these big and tiny worries, and with confidence we know we can lay them all at your feet.

We bring our big worries about health and happiness and security for ourselves and for our loved ones. We bring big worries about the world we live in and its future existence as we continue to fail to address so many ecological problems. We bring big worries about the way people in our world are treated as less than human, exploited, tortured, helpless and abused.

Father God, we know that you are concerned with every aspect of our lives, so we also bring the little things that concern us, the worries which keep us awake at night, the worries which only you know.

Living God, reach out to all those for whom the future brings fears and uncertainties. Assure them that you are with them, even when that future seems dark and circumstances feel like they are spiraling out of control. Remind them that you are able to transform even the bleakest of situations, bringing healing and wholeness.

Lord we make our prayers in faith, for we know that your Spirit is at work in our world making all things new. **Amen**

~ written by Rev. Anne Patton, and posted on the Church of Scotland's **Starters for Sunday** website.  
<http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/>

## 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.

HYMN "How Firm a Foundation"

UMH #529

### 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                      Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 CEB

**Faith is the reality of what we hope for, the proof of what we don't see. <sup>2</sup> The elders in the past were approved because they showed faith.**

**<sup>3</sup> By faith we understand that the universe has been created by a word from God so that the visible came into existence from the invisible.**

**<sup>8</sup> By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was going to receive as an inheritance. He went out without knowing where he was going.**

**<sup>9</sup> By faith he lived in the land he had been promised as a stranger. He lived in tents along with Isaac and Jacob, who were coheirs of the same promise. <sup>10</sup> He was looking forward to a city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.**

**<sup>11</sup> By faith even Sarah received the ability to have a child, though she herself was barren and past the age for having children, because she believed that the one who promised was faithful. <sup>12</sup> So descendants were born from one man (and he was as good as dead). They were as many as the number of the stars in the sky and as countless as the grains of sand on the seashore. <sup>13</sup> All these people died in faith without receiving the promises, but they saw the promises from a distance and welcomed them. They confessed that they were strangers and immigrants on earth. <sup>14</sup> People who say this kind of thing make it clear that they are looking for a homeland. <sup>15</sup> If they had been thinking about the country that they had left, they would have had the opportunity to return to it. <sup>16</sup> But at this point in time, they are longing for a better country, that is, a heavenly**

one. Therefore, God isn't ashamed to be called their God—he has prepared a city for them.

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

\*LESSON 2

**Luke 12:32-40 CEB**

**32 “Don't be afraid, little flock, because your Father delights in giving you the kingdom. 33 Sell your possessions and give to those in need. Make for yourselves wallets that don't wear out—a treasure in heaven that never runs out. No thief comes near there, and no moth destroys. 34 Where your treasure is, there your heart will be too.**

**35 “Be dressed for service and keep your lamps lit. 36 Be like people waiting for their master to come home from a wedding celebration, who can immediately open the door for him when he arrives and knocks on the door. 37 Happy are those servants whom the master finds waiting up when he arrives. I assure you that, when he arrives, he will dress himself to serve, seat them at the table as honored guests, and wait on them. 38 Happy are those whom he finds alert, even if he comes at midnight or just before dawn. 39 But know this, if the homeowner had known what time the thief was coming, he wouldn't have allowed his home to be broken into. 40 You also must be ready, because the Human One is coming at a time when you don't expect him.”**

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

**P: Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Expect the Unexpected

HYMN

“Rejoice, the Lord is King”

UMH #715

BENEDICTION

Shalom to You

UMH #666

POSTLUDE