

WORSHIP HANDOUT
Sunday October 16th
Series: Lessons from Parenting



OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

SONG OF WELCOME

Open Doors

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come to hear the Word.

Come to do the Word.

Come to experience Comfort.

Come to experience Challenge.

Come to find Cost.

Come to find Joy.

Come to find Humanity.

Come to find Community.

Come to find Church.

Come to find God.

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*Opening Hymn: “When the Cross of Jesus” UMH #592

OPENING PRAYER

Let us never give up praying for justice,
or the oppressed in this world will one day ask us ‘Why?’
Let us never give up praying for fairness,
or the hungry of this world will one day ask us ‘Why?’
Let us never give up praying for healing,
or the sick in this world will one day ask us ‘Why?’
Let us never give up praying, for to give up is to deny our faith
in a God who answers prayer. Amen.

~ written by John Birch, and posted on **Faith and Worship**. <http://www.faithandworship.com/>

SONG AS CHILDREN GATHER This Is the Day

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Anthem: “A Morning Prayer” Mary Kay Beall

TIME OF PRAYER

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.

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 James 2:1-9 CEB

My brothers and sisters, when you show favoritism you deny the faithfulness of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has been resurrected in glory. ² Imagine two people coming into your meeting. One has a gold ring and fine clothes, while the other is poor, dressed in filthy rags. ³ Then suppose that you were to take special notice of the one wearing fine clothes, saying, “Here’s an excellent place. Sit here.” But to the poor person you say, “Stand over there”; or, “Here, sit at my feet.” ⁴ Wouldn’t you have shown favoritism among yourselves and become evil-minded judges?

⁵ My dear brothers and sisters, listen! Hasn’t God chosen those who are poor by worldly standards to be rich in terms of faith? Hasn’t God chosen the poor as heirs of the kingdom he has promised to those who love him? ⁶ But you have dishonored the poor. Don’t the wealthy make life difficult for you? Aren’t they the ones who drag you into court? ⁷ Aren’t they the ones who insult the good name spoken over you at your baptism? ⁸ You do well when you really fulfill the royal law found in scripture, *Love your neighbor as yourself.* ⁹ But when you show favoritism, you are committing a sin, and by that same law you are exposed as a lawbreaker.

May God add a blessing to this reading.

*LESSON 2

Luke 18:1-8 **CEB**

Jesus was telling them a parable about their need to pray continuously and not to be discouraged. 2 He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected people. 3 In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him, asking, ‘Give me justice in this case against my adversary.’ 4 For a while he refused but finally said to himself, I don’t fear God or respect people, 5 but I will give this widow justice because she keeps bothering me. Otherwise, there will be no end to her coming here and embarrassing me.” 6 The Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. 7 Won’t God provide justice to his chosen people who cry out to him day and night? Will he be slow to help them? 8 I tell you, he will give them justice quickly. But when the Human One comes, will he find faithfulness on earth?”

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

P: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

“Vulnerability is earned”

*HYMN

Shall We Gather at the River UMH 723 (ccli)

BENEDICTION

W+S 3182 Benediction Hymn

POSTLUDE