

WORSHIP HANDOUT  
Sunday October 9<sup>th</sup>  
Series: Lessons from Parenting



OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

SONG OF WELCOME

Open Doors

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

A word of encouragement came from prophet to people;

**Live a life that is full – build, plant, eat, love, multiply--**

Pray for your communities

**Keep God in the center of all that is.**

We enter into worship today with hope in our hearts

**For something happens here**

**that reminds us that we can live as God desires**

God has made a promise of faithfulness to us

**and we can trust the promise.**

~ written by Henrietta Stith Andrews, and posted on the United Church of Christ's **Worship Ways** website. <http://www.ucc.org/worship/worship-ways/year-c/p/pentecost-ordinary-time-23.html>

OPENING HYMN “Great is Thy Faithfulness” UMH #140

OPENING PRAYER

Father, we give thanks for all that you have done for us,

for the gift of life—of growing and learning

and experiencing the wonders of Your World

For the gift of love—of sharing and caring,

and seeing glimpses of You

in the joy of friendship, the care of family, the love between parent and child;

Lord, make us mindful of all your gifts,  
that we may be content and grateful,  
giving our love and lives to you all our days;  
Fill us with grateful hearts  
And remind us constantly of all You have given us  
that we may never take for granted Your love  
and Your generosity and Your goodness. Amen.

~ adapted from a prayer written by Rev Ian Elston, Kirkcaldy, Torbain. Posted on the Church of Scotland's **Starters for Sunday** website. [http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/worship/starters\\_for\\_sunday/](http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/worship/starters_for_sunday/)

SONG AS CHILDREN GATHER This Is the Day UMH #657

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

\* Hymn:

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.

## CONSECRATION OF GENEROSITY

### \*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                    Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 CEB

**The prophet Jeremiah sent a letter from Jerusalem to the few surviving elders among the exiles, to the priests and the prophets, and to all the people Nebuchadnezzar had taken to Babylon from Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup> The Lord of heavenly forces, the God of Israel, proclaims to all the exiles I have carried off from Jerusalem to Babylon: <sup>5</sup> Build houses and settle down; cultivate gardens and eat what they produce. <sup>6</sup> Get married and have children; then help your sons find wives and your daughters find husbands in order that they too may have children. Increase in number there so that you don't dwindle away. <sup>7</sup> Promote the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because your future depends on its welfare.**

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

### \*LESSON 2                    James 1:19-25 CEB

**<sup>19</sup> Know this, my dear brothers and sisters: everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to grow angry. <sup>20</sup> This is**

because an angry person doesn't produce God's righteousness. <sup>21</sup> Therefore, with humility, set aside all moral filth and the growth of wickedness, and welcome the word planted deep inside you—the very word that is able to save you.

<sup>22</sup> You must be doers of the word and not only hearers who mislead themselves. <sup>23</sup> Those who hear but don't do the word are like those who look at their faces in a mirror. <sup>24</sup> They look at themselves, walk away, and immediately forget what they were like. <sup>25</sup> But there are those who study the perfect law, the law of freedom, and continue to do it. They don't listen and then forget, but they put it into practice in their lives. They will be blessed in whatever they do.

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

**P: Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE "No Time for the Past"

\*HYMN Take Time to Be Holy UMH 395 (ccli)

BENEDICTION W+S 3182 Benediction Hymn

POSTLUDE