

WORSHIP HANDOUT
Sunday January 29th
Series: How do we Answer the Call?



OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*SONG OF WELCOME Open Doors

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Voice calling long ago.

The Voice calling today.

The Voice compelling Jonah to go.

The Voice compelling us to go.

The Voice calling to Jonah
compelling him to share the good news
of God's redemptive love.

**The Voice calling to us
compelling us to share the good news
of God's redemptive love.**

With those who would be enemies.

With those who would be enemies.

The people of Nineveh, beloved of God.
The people we don't know, beloved of God.

The Voice calling long ago. The Voice calling today.

— written by Katherine Hawker, and posted on [Liturgy Outside the Box](#). Adapted by Rev. Andrew Scott

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty Compassionate God,

You care for all your peoples, whether they are here around us or in far off places, you care enough to call people to bring the good news to them.

You care about our country during these tough economic times, and times of turmoil, mistrust, hate, and fear.

You care about countries like Gaza, Zimbabwe, Nigeria, India, Pakistan and Afghanistan who have different and deeper problems and needs than we do.

You care about those who are sick, in pain, in the hospital, home bound and in nursing homes, your compassion extends to them.

You care about those who carry heavy burdens, broken hearts, grieving, lonely and anxious, your compassion extends to them as well.

You care for the people who might be losing their jobs, losing or unable to afford their homes and apartments, losing their bank accounts as well as those who have had none of those for a long time.

You care for those of us who answered your call to preach your word, teach your word, Pastor your flock, and lead in songs of praise, your compassion extends to us as well.

Lord we thank you for your compassion, your care, your mercy and the good news of your son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

— written by Rev. Abi, and posted on her [Long and Winding Road](#) blog. Adapted by Rev. Andrew Scott

SONG AS CHILDREN GATHER Where Children Belong TFWS 2233

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANTHEM The Potter's Hand, by Darlene Zschech, arr. by Lloyd Larson

TIME OF PRAYER

Prayers/Names of the People

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: Now It Is Evening TFWS 2187 (ccli)

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. Amen.

LESSON 1 Jonah 3:1-5 CEB

The Lord's word came to Jonah a second time: ² "Get up and go to Nineveh, that great city, and declare against it the proclamation that I am commanding you." ³ And Jonah got up and went to Nineveh, according to the Lord's word. (Now Nineveh was indeed an enormous city, a three days' walk across.)

⁴ Jonah started into the city, walking one day, and he cried out, "Just forty days more and Nineveh will be overthrown!" ⁵ And the people of Nineveh believed God. They proclaimed a fast and put on mourning clothes, from the greatest of them to the least significant.

May God add a blessing to this reading.

***HYMN This Is a Day of New Beginnings v. 1,3&4 UMH 383
(ccli)**

***LESSON 2 Jonah 3:6-10 CEB**

⁶ When word of it reached the king of Nineveh, he got up from his throne, stripped himself of his robe, covered himself with mourning clothes, and sat in ashes. ⁷ Then he announced, "In Nineveh, by decree of the king and his officials: Neither human nor animal, cattle nor flock, will taste anything! No grazing and no drinking water! ⁸ Let humans and animals alike put on mourning clothes, and let them call upon God forcefully! And let all persons stop their evil behavior and the violence that's

under their control!” ⁹ He thought, Who knows? God may see this and turn from his wrath, so that we might not perish.

¹⁰ God saw what they were doing—that they had ceased their evil behavior. So God stopped planning to destroy them, and he didn’t do it.

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

P: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE The Splash

*HYMN Here I Am, Lord UMH 593 (onelic)

*BENEDICTION and RESPONSE

God Be with You till We Meet Again v2 & refrain UMH 672 (ccli)

POSTLUDE