

WORSHIP HANDOUT
Sunday February 26th
First Sunday of Lent



OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*SONG OF WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

An opportunity to stop and reflect,

How long have we been on this journey?

A challenge to see something;

What are we looking for?

A call to recognize the thing that's always been there,

The fingerprints of Grace upon us. Thanks be to God.

OPENING PRAYER

We gather this day as a people who rarely take the time to stop and look at the tips of our fingers. Things that have made a difference for someone. Things that help us to grip the world around us, to help others we meet. The tips of our fingers that both show how we're unique and the same. The fingerprints we leave without realizing it challenge us to see where God's fingerprints are each and every day. Thank you Lord for the way you are at work in our lives. Amen.

SONG AS CHILDREN GATHER Joy Joy Joy v I

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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: UMH 269 Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days
 V 1-4

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 I Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 CEB

The Lord God took the human and settled him in the garden of Eden to farm it and to take care of it. 16 The Lord God commanded the human, “Eat your fill from all of the garden’s

trees; 17 but don't eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, because on the day you eat from it, you will die!"

The snake was the most intelligent of all the wild animals that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say that you shouldn't eat from any tree in the garden?"

2 The woman said to the snake, "We may eat the fruit of the garden's trees 3 but not the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden. God said, 'Don't eat from it, and don't touch it, or you will die.'"

4 The snake said to the woman, "You won't die! 5 God knows that on the day you eat from it, you will see clearly and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." 6 The woman saw that the tree was beautiful with delicious food and that the tree would provide wisdom, so she took some of its fruit and ate it, and also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. 7 Then they both saw clearly and knew that they were naked. So they sewed fig leaves together and made garments for themselves.

May God add a blessing to this reading.

*HYMN UMH 596 Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word

*LESSON 2 **John 2: 1-12 CEB**

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and ² Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the celebration. ³ When the wine ran out, Jesus' mother said to him, "They don't have any wine."

⁴ Jesus replied, "Woman, what does that have to do with me? My time hasn't come yet."

⁵ His mother told the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶ Nearby were six stone water jars used for the Jewish

cleansing ritual, each able to hold about twenty or thirty gallons.

⁷ Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water,” and they filled them to the brim. ⁸ Then he told them, “Now draw some from them and take it to the headwaiter,” and they did. ⁹ The headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine. He didn’t know where it came from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew.

The headwaiter called the groom ¹⁰ and said, “Everyone serves the good wine first. They bring out the second-rate wine only when the guests are drinking freely. You kept the good wine until now.” ¹¹ This was the first miraculous sign that Jesus did in Cana of Galilee. He revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

¹² After this, Jesus and his mother, his brothers, and his disciples went down to Capernaum and stayed there for a few days.

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

P: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE Prayers of Grace

*HYMN UMH 378 Amazing Grace, vs. 1-4

*BENEDICTION and RESPONSE

 UMH 269 Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days, vs. 1
POSTLUDE