

WORSHIP HANDOUT
Sunday May 14th
Fifth Sunday after Easter
Series: Not the Way it was Before



OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*SONG OF WELCOME “Gather Us In” TFWs #2236

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God grants us courage,
To be bold and transformed.

God grants us wisdom,
To recognize a new way to approach ministry.

God’s love sustains us,
**That we would not be scared of change, but answer the call to
be bold knowing God is with us.**

OPENING PRAYER

God, we thank you for the gift of your son and his transforming work in our lives. His message rings true for people throughout the ages, just as it did in Athens when Paul proclaimed it, now we hear and proclaim it still. Help us to hear your Word, to heed your call, and to look at things in a new way for the community around us. Amen.

HYMN “I Sing the Almighty Power of God” (CCLI) UMH #152

SONG AS CHILDREN GATHER “Rise and Shine”

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANTHEM "Father, O Father" by Ron Harris (CCLI)

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 "Spirit of the Living God" (CCLI) UMH #393

LESSON I Acts 17:22-31 CEB

22 Paul stood up in the middle of the council on Mars Hill and said, "People of Athens, I see that you are very religious in every way. 23 As I was walking through town and carefully observing your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: 'To an unknown God.' What you worship as unknown, I now proclaim to you. 24 God, who made the world and everything in it, is Lord of heaven and earth. He doesn't live in temples made with human hands. 25 Nor is God served by human hands, as though he needed something, since he is the one who gives life, breath, and everything else. 26 From one person God created every human nation to live on the whole earth, having determined their appointed times and the boundaries of their lands. 27 God made the nations so they would seek him, perhaps even reach out to him and find him.

In fact, God isn't far away from any of us. 28 In God we live, move, and exist. As some of your own poets said, 'We are his offspring.'

29 "Therefore, as God's offspring, we have no need to imagine that the divine being is like a gold, silver, or stone image made by human skill and thought. 30 God overlooks ignorance of these things in times past, but now directs everyone everywhere to change their hearts and lives. 31 This is because God has set a day when he intends to judge the world justly by a man he has appointed. God has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead."

May God add a blessing to this reading.

***LESSON 2**

John 14:15-21 CEB

¹⁵ "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ I will ask the Father, and he will send another Companion, who will be with you forever. ¹⁷ This Companion is the Spirit of Truth, whom the world can't receive because it neither sees him nor recognizes him. You know him, because he lives with you and will be with you.

¹⁸ "I won't leave you as orphans. I will come to you. ¹⁹ Soon the world will no longer see me, but you will see me. Because I live, you will live too. ²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in my Father, you are in me, and I am in you. ²¹ Whoever has my commandments and keeps them loves me. Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

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

P: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

“Words and Actions”

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

UMH #94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*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.

*HYMN “We Are Called” (OneLic)

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*BENEDICTION and RESPONSE

“Because He Lives” (refrain only)

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POSTLUDE