

WORSHIP HANDOUT  
Sunday July 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Who were these disciples anyways?  
Communion



OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

\*SONG OF WELCOME                      Open Doors

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

With friends and strangers,  
with family and neighbors, we gather:

**Come among us, Healing God,  
with that love which never ends.**

With faith reaching out to touch,  
with hearts straining to trust, we hope:

**Come among us, Friend of the broken,  
with your compassion which makes us whole.**

With word and wonder,  
with silence and song, we wait:

**Come among us, Dryer of our tears,  
to lift us to our feet to follow you.**

— written by Thom Shuman, and posted on **Lectionary Liturgies**. <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.ca/>

OPENING PRAYER

Lord, we gather this day that we would get to know you and your followers better. That their example would be for us a reminder that who we are is enough. Help us to remember your teaching and those

who heard it. Work in our hearts and lives that we could know you as fully as those who walked with you. Amen.

SONG AS CHILDREN GATHER      Rise and Shine

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN:              It Is Well with My Soul v. 1,2,4              UMH 377

LESSON 1              Acts 12:1-5 CEB

**About that time King Herod began to harass some who belonged to the church. <sup>2</sup> He had James, John's brother, killed with a sword. <sup>3</sup> When he saw that this pleased the Jews, he arrested Peter as well. This happened during the Festival of Unleavened Bread. <sup>4</sup> He put Peter in prison, handing him over to four squads of soldiers, sixteen in all, who guarded him. He planned to charge him publicly after the Passover. <sup>5</sup> While Peter was held in prison, the church offered earnest prayer to God for him.**

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

\*LESSON 2              Mark 5: 36-38, Matthew 26:36-38 CEB

**<sup>36</sup> But Jesus overheard their report and said to the synagogue leader, "Don't be afraid; just keep trusting." <sup>37</sup> He didn't allow anyone to follow him except Peter, James, and John, James' brother. <sup>38</sup> They came to the synagogue leader's house, and he saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly.**

**36 Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane. He said to the disciples, "Stay here while I go and pray over there." <sup>37</sup> When he took Peter and Zebedee's**

**two sons, he began to feel sad and anxious. 38 Then he said to them, “I’m very sad. It’s as if I’m dying. Stay here and keep alert with me.”**

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

**P: Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE                      Inner Circle

HYMN                              In Remembrance of Me TFWS 2254

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION (UMH 7-11)

Sharing Our Joys & Prayer Concerns

Time of Silent and Musical Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

\*PRAYER RESPONSE        Sweet Hour of Prayer v. 1 & 3 UMH 496

INVITATION

CONFESSION AND PARDON

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved your neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy.**

**Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners: that proves God’s love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

**Glory to God. 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. Amen.

\*HYMN                      One Bread, One Body UMH 620

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION (Cont.)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ...

...as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit...

...almighty Father, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

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.

#### BREAKING THE BREAD

#### GIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

#### PRAYER RESPONSE

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*HYMN

It Is Well with My Soul v. 3

UMH 377

#### \*BENEDICTION and RESPONSE

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#### POSTLUDE