

WORSHIP HANDOUT
Sunday July 9th
Who are these disciples anyways?



OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*SONG OF WELCOME Open Doors

CALL TO WORSHIP (congregation listens)

Voice 1 (PA):

“Come follow me,” he said as he walked towards us.

“Leave the nets behind. Become nets yourself.

We have an adventure to be part of.”

And so we left with him not knowing what lay in front of us.

Voice 2: (Kerry):

In front of me was a crowd of Pharisees: all of them hypocrites.

They knew what I had done and done it mainly with them,
yet they were ready to stone me for it.

Jesus called out,

“Let him who is without sin cast the first stone,”
and there was silence

and one by one they left me with him
who called me to go and find my humanity again,
and so I went more alive than ever before.

Voice 3 (Nancy):

She was more alive than every before, my daughter.

When her father left her to find Jesus

he knew he'd never see her again, my poor daughter,
not able to make it to womanhood.
But Jesus never gave up hope.
We left him with her
and after what seemed an eternity he called for food,
'Your daughter is alive and hungry'
and so we threw our sadness into celebration
that she had been called back to life.

Voice 4 (Isaac):

I was called back to life.
I was once dead,
not the death of eternity, worse than that,
the death of the living.
I am a tax-collector.
My death was the silence and hatred of others
until I climbed a tree,
and was invited back into my own home by Jesus
for a meal through which I was reborn,
a new person now called a friend of God.
I was on my way.

Voice I (PA):

We were on our way, ten of us,
unclean with bandaged limbs,
dirty rags covering our hands and feet
that leprosy was eating away.
Everyone avoided us except Jesus who touched us,
befriended us and called us back into community,
clean once more and acceptable.
I ran back to Jesus to thank him,
it was all I could do.

Voice 2 (Kerry):

It was all I could do to say 'Yes!'

Yes to God asking me to be his handmaid:

mother of a child who would be the salvation of the world,

who harboured hope enough

to bring down the oppressor and the tyrant

and lift up the poor and hungry.

I was called to be the mother of God

and I said 'Yes!'

Voice 3 (Nancy):

I said 'yes'

but it wasn't in some biblical story.

It was now.

I said 'yes!' to God's justice today,

God's hope now,

God's intent in me,

to call out the life in me,

and set it free in the world,

to be a follower of adventures,

a follower of dreams,

a follower of love.

Voice 4 (Isaac):

Be a follower of love,

and join the fishermen and the sinners,

the women and the children,

the sick and the poor,

the needy and the hopeful:

called to be fully alive in this world,

called to be the hands and feet of heaven,

called to be all we can be,

called to follow.

~ written by Roddy Hamilton, and posted on the **New Kilpatrick Parish Church** website. <https://www.nkchurch.org.uk/original-liturgy>

LESSON 1 Acts 1:12-14 CEB

12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives, which is near Jerusalem—a sabbath day’s journey away. 13 When they entered the city, they went to the upstairs room where they were staying. Peter, John, James, and Andrew; Philip and Thomas; Bartholomew and Matthew; James, Alphaeus’ son; Simon the zealot; and Judas, James’ son— 14 all were united in their devotion to prayer, along with some women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

May God add a blessing to this reading.

OPENING PRAYER

God, we sometimes can find it hard to approach you. We get nervous, we’ve messed up, our palms are sweaty. And then someone comes alongside us and helps us to talk with you. God, we sometimes see someone who’s having a hard time talking to you. They’re nervous, they’re confused, they seem to be hiding. And then we come alongside them and help them to talk with you. Thank you for all the ways you work with us and help us to work with others. Amen.

SONG AS CHILDREN GATHER Rise and Shine

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

TIME OF PRAYER

Prayers/Names of the People

PASTORAL AND SILENT PRAYER (MUSIC)

HYMN: O Lord, Hear My Prayer TFWS 2200 (one lic)

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.

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LESSON 2 John 1:40-44 CEB

40 One of the two disciples who heard what John said and followed Jesus was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. 41 He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated *Christ*). 42 He led him to Jesus.

Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon, son of John. You will be called Cephas" (which is translated *Peter*).

43 The next day Jesus wanted to go into Galilee, and he found Philip. Jesus said to him, "Follow me." 44 Philip was from Bethsaida, the hometown of Andrew and Peter.

*HYMN Sanctuary 2164 TFWS (ccli)

*LESSON 3 **John 12:20-22 CEB**

²⁰ Some Greeks were among those who had come up to worship at the festival. ²¹ They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and made a request: "Sir, we want to see Jesus." ²² Philip told Andrew, and Andrew and Philip told Jesus.

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

P: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE The Introducer

HYMN My Life Flows On TFWS 2212 (one lic)

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.

*BENEDICTION and RESPONSE

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POSTLUDE