

WORSHIP HANDOUT

Sunday August 6th

Communion



OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*SONG OF WELCOME

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love TFWS 2223 v I

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: God is at work,

P: In our hearts and our minds.

L: Not that we would gain new knowledge,

P: But that we would listen and remember what we already know.

L: God is at work,

P: And we are his project. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

O God,

we come today echoing John the Baptist's question to your Beloved Child:

"Are you the one who is to come?"

Give us eyes to see and ears to hear the answer for ourselves:

In the work of justice: Christ!

In the practice of mercy: Christ!

In good news for the poor: Christ!

In the vision of peace: Christ!

Make us ready, with open hearts and joyful spirits,

to follow in Christ's Way. Amen.

~ written by The Rev. Susan A. Blain, and posted on the United Church of Christ's **Worship Ways** website. <http://www.ucc.org/worship/worship-ways/year-a/ace/advent-third-sunday-of.html>

SONG AS CHILDREN GATHER Where Children Belong TFWS 2233

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN: Open My Eyes, That I May See UMH 454

LESSON I Genesis 32:22-31 CEB

²² Jacob got up during the night, took his two wives, his two women servants, and his eleven sons, and crossed the Jabbok River's shallow water. ²³ He took them and everything that belonged to him, and he helped them cross the river. ²⁴ But Jacob stayed apart by himself, and a man wrestled with him until dawn broke. ²⁵ When the man saw that he couldn't defeat Jacob, he grabbed Jacob's thigh and tore a muscle in Jacob's thigh as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ The man said, "Let me go because the dawn is breaking."

But Jacob said, "I won't let you go until you bless me."

²⁷ He said to Jacob, "What's your name?" and he said, "Jacob." ²⁸ Then he said, "Your name won't be Jacob any longer, but Israel, because you struggled with God and with men and won."

²⁹ Jacob also asked and said, "Tell me your name."

But he said, "Why do you ask for my name?" and he blessed Jacob there. ³⁰ Jacob named the place Peniel,^[b] "because I've seen God face-to-face, and my life has been saved." ³¹ The sun rose as Jacob passed Penuel, limping because of his thigh.

May God add a blessing to this reading.

***LESSON 2**

Matthew 14:13-21 CEB

13 When Jesus heard about John, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. When the crowds learned this, they followed him on foot from the cities. 14 When Jesus arrived and saw a large crowd, he had compassion for them and healed those who were sick. 15 That evening his disciples came and said to him, “This is an isolated place and it’s getting late. Send the crowds away so they can go into the villages and buy food for themselves.”

16 But Jesus said to them, “There’s no need to send them away. You give them something to eat.”

17 They replied, “We have nothing here except five loaves of bread and two fish.”

18 He said, “Bring them here to me.” 19 He ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. He took the five loaves of bread and the two fish, looked up to heaven, blessed them and broke the loaves apart and gave them to his disciples. Then the disciples gave them to the crowds. 20 Everyone ate until they were full, and they filled twelve baskets with the leftovers. 21 About five thousand men plus women and children had eaten.

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

P: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

The danger of Scarcity Mindset

HYMN

In Remembrance of Me TFWWS 2254

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION (UMH 7-11)

Sharing Our Joys & Prayer Concerns
Time of Silent and Musical Prayer
Pastoral Prayer

*PRAYER RESPONSE My Hope Is Built UMH 368 v I

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 Spirit of the Living God UMH 393 3x

*BENEDICTION and RESPONSE

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POSTLUDE