

WORSHIP HANDOUT  
Sunday October 8<sup>th</sup>  
Stewardship



OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

\*SONG OF WELCOME    Open Doors

\*CALL TO WORSHIP  
We take a deep breath.  
**God is here.**

We remember the things that need to be done,  
**The world bursts in.**

We take a deep breath.  
**God is here.**

The world knocks on the door, trying to challenge God for our attention.  
**We remember that we choose our priorities. God is here.**

Breathe.  
**God is here. Amen.**

UNISON PRAYER

God, the world threatens to overwhelm and drown out your voice. Ads, pop-ups, commercials, push notifications, “immediate action needed”, and on and on. Yet in the midst of it all you are here. We breathe, and still all the calls around us. There you are, where you’ve

always been. Help us to hear you, to focus on you, to refuse to allow the world to drown out your call. Amen.

SONG AS CHILDREN GATHER      Hallelu, Hallelujah

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANTHEM      "We Are One, Lord"      Stan Pethel

LESSON 1      Jeremiah 29:7, 10-14

**<sup>7</sup> Promote the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because your future depends on its welfare.**

**<sup>10</sup> The Lord proclaims: When Babylon's seventy years are up, I will come and fulfill my gracious promise to bring you back to this place. <sup>11</sup> I know the plans I have in mind for you, declares the Lord; they are plans for peace, not disaster, to give you a future filled with hope. <sup>12</sup> When you call me and come and pray to me, I will listen to you. <sup>13</sup> When you search for me, yes, search for me with all your heart, you will find me. <sup>14</sup> I will be present for you, declares the Lord, and I will end your captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have scattered you, and I will bring you home after your long exile, declares the Lord.**

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

\*LESSON 2      Matthew 21:33-46

**<sup>33</sup> "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a tower. Then he rented it to tenant farmers and took a trip. <sup>34</sup> When it was time for harvest, he sent his servants to the tenant farmers to collect his fruit. <sup>35</sup> But the**

tenant farmers grabbed his servants. They beat some of them, and some of them they killed. Some of them they stoned to death.

<sup>36</sup> “Again he sent other servants, more than the first group. They treated them in the same way. <sup>37</sup> Finally he sent his son to them. ‘They will respect my son,’ he said.

<sup>38</sup> “But when the tenant farmers saw the son, they said to each other, ‘This is the heir. Come on, let’s kill him and we’ll have his inheritance.’ <sup>39</sup> They grabbed him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.

<sup>40</sup> “When the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenant farmers?”

<sup>41</sup> They said, “He will totally destroy those wicked farmers and rent the vineyard to other tenant farmers who will give him the fruit when it’s ready.”

<sup>42</sup> Jesus said to them, “Haven’t you ever read in the scriptures, *The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. The Lord has done this, and it’s amazing in our eyes?*<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>43</sup> Therefore, I tell you that God’s kingdom will be taken away from you and will be given to a people who produce its fruit. <sup>44</sup> Whoever falls on this stone will be crushed. And the stone will crush the person it falls on.”

<sup>45</sup> Now when the chief priests and the Pharisees heard the parable, they knew Jesus was talking about them. <sup>46</sup> They were trying to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, who thought he was a prophet.

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

**P: Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

It’s not ours

\*HYMN: All Creatures of Our God and King (Vs. 1-5) UMH 62

## 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                      Are Ye Able    UMH 530

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.

CONSECRATION OF PLEDGE CARDS

\*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

Blest Be the Tie That Binds UMH 557 v 1&4

## POSTLUDE