

WORSHIP HANDOUT
Sunday November 12th



OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*SONG OF WELCOME “Gather Us In” vs. 1&2

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Are you awake? Are you alert?

Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.

Are you watching the signs?

Are you interpreting what is happening today?

Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.

Do you see opportunities for ministry?

Do you see the poor, the homeless, the hungry, the needy?

Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.

Come, let us worship and let us work in the reign of God.

Christ has extended the invitation:

let us work together in the reign of God on earth.

~ Rev. Mindi, on her [Rev-o-lution](#) blog.

OPENING PRAYER

You do not want us
to be ignorant of your
dreams and hopes for us,
God of holiness,
so you speak to us in parables,
so we might pay careful attention
to your words;

you tell us stories about
our grandparents and all those who came before us in the faith,
so we might become mentors
to all those children who come to learn and grow.
Filling us with the holy oil
of generosity and grace,
you make us ready to welcome
Jesus Christ into our lives,
and to open our hearts
to those who are in need.

On this day, we choose to serve you,
God in Community, Holy in One,
even as we pray as Jesus teaches us,
This morning, tomorrow morning, and all the days to follow. Amen.

— written by Thom Shuman, and posted on his excellent [Lectionary Liturgies](#) website. Adapted by Rev. Andrew Scott, OSL.

*OPENING HYMN UMH 110 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

SONG AS CHILDREN GATHER “Rejoice in the Lord Always”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

ANTHEM “Think About His Love” Harrah/Newton/McDonald

LESSON I **Amos 5:18-24**

Doom to those who desire the day of the Lord!

Why do you want the day of the Lord?

It is darkness, not light;

¹⁹ as if someone fled from a lion,

and was met by a bear;

or sought refuge in a house,
rested a hand against the wall,
and was bitten by a snake.

²⁰ Isn't the day of the Lord darkness, not light;
all dark with no brightness in it?

²¹ I hate, I reject your festivals;
I don't enjoy your joyous assemblies.

²² If you bring me your entirely burned offerings and gifts of
food—

I won't be pleased;

I won't even look at your offerings of well-fed animals.

²³ Take away the noise of your songs;
I won't listen to the melody of your harps.

²⁴ But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

May God add a Blessing to this reading.

LESSON 2: Matthew 25: 1-13

“At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten young bridesmaids who took their lamps and went out to meet the groom. ² Now five of them were wise, and the other five were foolish. ³ The foolish ones took their lamps but didn't bring oil for them. ⁴ But the wise ones took their lamps and also brought containers of oil.

⁵ “When the groom was late in coming, they all became drowsy and went to sleep. ⁶ But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Look, the groom! Come out to meet him.’

⁷ “Then all those bridesmaids got up and prepared their lamps. ⁸ But the foolish bridesmaids said to the wise ones, ‘Give us some of your oil, because our lamps have gone out.’

⁹ “But the wise bridesmaids replied, ‘No, because if we share with you, there won't be enough for our lamps and yours. We have a better idea. You go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.’ ¹⁰ But while

they were gone to buy oil, the groom came. Those who were ready went with him into the wedding. Then the door was shut.

¹¹ “Later the other bridesmaids came and said, ‘Lord, lord, open the door for us.’

¹² “But he replied, ‘I tell you the truth, I don’t know you.’

¹³ “Therefore, keep alert, because you don’t know the day or the hour.

This is the Word of God for all people.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE Why all the waiting?

HYMN Weary of All Trumpeting UMH 442

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.

PRAYER HYMN UMH 539, vs. 1 O Spirit of the Living God

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**

UMH 539, vs. 3 O Spirit of the Living God

POSTLUDE