

## WORSHIP HANDOUT

Sunday January 14<sup>th</sup>

OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

\*SONG OF WELCOME Come Ye Sinners Poor and Needy UMH 340

\*CALL TO WORSHIP UMH 106 – Martin Luther King, Jr.

L: Is someone here moving toward the twilight of life and fearful of that which we call death?

**P: Why be afraid? God is able.**

L: Is someone here on the brink of despair because of the death of a loved one, the breaking of a marriage, or the waywardness of a child?

**P: Why despair? God is able to give us the power to endure that which cannot be changed.**

L: Is someone here anxious because of bad health?

**P: Why be anxious? Come what may, God is able.**

**All: Surely God is able.**

OPENING PRAYER

L: The words of the psalm describe you, O God, as hope, as salvation, as shelter. We who hear these healing words are invited to put all our confidence in you, to pour out our hearts to you, knowing that you hear.

**P: Hear us now, O God, as we gather to worship and to praise you.**

L: Forgive us when we listen to the voices which tell us to put our trust in whatever institution can increase our wealth; in whatever breakfast

food can expand our brainpower, in whatever mode of transport can get us anywhere faster, cheaper, more comfortably. Renew our trust in you and help us to use this time to deepen our relationship with you and to re-align our priorities with yours.

**P: Hear us now, Lord Jesus Christ, as we gather to worship and to praise you.**

L: Forgive us when we are reluctant disciples, and renew our desire to follow you even if, like those first disciples, it means having the direction of our lives completely changed.

**P: Forgive us when we forget that we do not have to do everything in our own power when challenged to take risks of faith.**

L: Holy Spirit, breathe new life into us now, as we can only offer true worship and provide faithful discipleship when we are empowered by you. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen

Hear the good news: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, with whom we are reconciled through Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

— written by Moira Laidlaw, on Liturgies Online.

SONG WHILE CHILDREN GATHER                      Rise and Shine

CHILDREN'S MOMENT                      Bret Johnson

ANTHEM

LESSON I                      Jonah 3:1-10 CEB

The Lord's word came to Jonah a second time: <sup>2</sup> "Get up and go to Nineveh, that great city, and declare against it the proclamation that I am commanding you." <sup>3</sup> And Jonah got up and went to Nineveh, according to the Lord's word. (Now Nineveh was indeed an enormous city, a three days' walk across.)

<sup>4</sup> Jonah started into the city, walking one day, and he cried out, "Just forty days more and Nineveh will be overthrown!" <sup>5</sup> And the people of Nineveh believed God. They proclaimed a fast and put on mourning clothes, from the greatest of them to the least significant.

<sup>6</sup> When word of it reached the king of Nineveh, he got up from his throne, stripped himself of his robe, covered himself with mourning clothes, and sat in ashes. <sup>7</sup> Then he announced, "In Nineveh, by decree of the king and his officials: Neither human nor animal, cattle nor flock, will taste anything! No grazing and no drinking water! <sup>8</sup> Let humans and animals alike put on mourning clothes, and let them call upon God forcefully! And let all persons stop their evil behavior and the violence that's under their control!" <sup>9</sup> He thought, Who knows? God may see this and turn from his wrath, so that we might not perish.<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>10</sup> God saw what they were doing—that they had ceased their evil behavior. So God stopped planning to destroy them, and he didn't do it.

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

\*LESSON 2:                    Mark 1:14-20

**After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee announcing God's good news, saying, "Now is the time! Here comes God's kingdom! Change your hearts and lives, and trust this good news!**

**As Jesus passed alongside the Galilee Sea, he saw two brothers, Simon and Andrew, throwing fishing nets into the sea, for they were fishermen. “Come, follow me,” he said, “and I’ll show you how to fish for people.” Right away, they left their nets and followed him. After going a little farther, he saw James and John, Zebedee’s sons, in their boat repairing the fishing nets. At that very moment he called them. They followed him, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired workers.**

This is the Word of God for all people.

**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE            Follow Me

\*HYMN              Walk With Me    TFWS 2242 v 1-3

TIME OF PRAYER

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:

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**      Walk with Me TFWS 2242 v 4

**POSTLUDE**