

WORSHIP HANDOUT

Sunday January 21st

Ordinances Sermon Series: Worship and Prayer

OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

SONG OF WELCOME (Choir)

Christians All, Come Sing His Praises Beall/Carter

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather in the name of the living Christ to worship God.

**Surely, God is in this place
and calls us to worship in spirit and in truth.**

God's love is for you
and for all people everywhere.

**That we may share God's love and life,
may we be renewed
in the refreshing Spirit of the living Christ.**

The living Christ is with us.

Praise the Lord!

~ posted on **Life in Liturgy**. <https://lifeinliturgy.wordpress.com/>

*OPENING HYMN Maker, in Whom We Live UMH 88

OPENING PRAYER

**God, you split rocks in the wilderness,
and gave your people abundant drink, as from the deep.**

Come to us, Lord.

Give us that abundant water.

**You made streams come out of the rock,
and caused waters to flow down like rivers.
Come to us, Lord.
Send the waters down upon us.**

**You turned the desert into pools of water,
the parched land into springs of water.
Come to us, Lord.
Create springs in the parched desert of our hearts.**

**As a deer longs for flowing streams,
so my soul longs for you, O God.
My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.
Come to us, Lord, and fill our longing.**

~ posted on Living Waters for the World. <http://www.livingwatersfortheworld.org/>

SONG WHILE CHILDREN GATHER Rise and Shine

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

HYMN As the Deer TFWWS #2025

LESSON I Psalm 42: 1-5 CEB

**Just like a deer that craves streams of water,
my whole being craves you, God.
² My whole being thirsts for God, for the living God.
When will I come and see God's face?
³ My tears have been my food both day and night,
as people constantly questioned me,
"Where's your God now?"
⁴ But I remember these things as I bare my soul:
how I made my way to the mighty one's abode,
to God's own house,**

with joyous shouts and thanksgiving songs—
a huge crowd celebrating the festival!
⁵ **Why, I ask myself, are you so depressed?
Why are you so upset inside?
Hope in God!
Because I will again give him thanks,
my saving presence and my God.**

May God add a Blessing to this reading.

***LESSON 2: Matthew 6:5-15 CEB**

⁵ **“When you pray, don’t be like hypocrites. They love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners so that people will see them. I assure you, that’s the only reward they’ll get. ⁶ But when you pray, go to your room, shut the door, and pray to your Father who is present in that secret place. Your Father who sees what you do in secret will reward you.**

Proper prayer

⁷ **“When you pray, don’t pour out a flood of empty words, as the Gentiles do. They think that by saying many words they’ll be heard. ⁸ Don’t be like them, because your Father knows what you need before you ask. ⁹ Pray like this:**

**Our Father who is in heaven,
uphold the holiness of your name.**

¹⁰ **Bring in your kingdom
so that your will is done on earth as it’s done in heaven.**

¹¹ **Give us the bread we need for today.**

¹² **Forgive us for the ways we have wronged you,
just as we also forgive those who have wronged us.**

¹³ **And don’t lead us into temptation,
but rescue us from the evil one.**

¹⁴ “If you forgive others their sins, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. ¹⁵ But if you don’t forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your sins.

This is the Word of God for all people.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE Worship and Prayer, Why do we Care?

*HYMN Sweet Hour of Prayer UMH #496

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

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind vs 1,2,4,5 UMH #358

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
Of All the Spirit's Gifts to Me (vs 5)

POSTLUDE