

WORSHIP HANDOUT

Sunday January 28th

Ordinances Sermon Series: Scripture and Fasting

OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*SONG OF WELCOME TFWS 2236 Gather Us In vs. 1,2

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We Gather today to learn,

We gather to be in fellowship.

We gather to hear the Word,

We gather to live the Word.

We gather to grow together,

That we may understand God's work in our lives more fully.

Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, we come together to worship,
a people who would like to think that we love you
with all our hearts and souls,
with all our might,

but there are so many other things in our lives
that clamor for our attention
that we often relegate you to Sundays
and Wednesdays,
and times when we want you to rescue us.

Most of us really do want you to be the one
in whom we live and move and have our being.
We really do want to hear your voice
above all of the other voices in our lives.
But we get bogged down in the daily routine.
We forget who we are.
We forget who you are.
We forget what the church is supposed to be.

So here we are, standing before you today,
with our human foibles
and our short attention spans,
asking that you would make yourself known to us,
that you would help us to recognize
the presence of the Holy,
that you would continue to challenge us,
inspire us,
and make us into the people you want us to be.

Amen.

~ written by Katie Cook, in Sacred Seasons, Pentecost/Ordinary Time 2000. Posted on **Simple Living Works**. <http://simpleliving.startlogic.com/indexoth.php?place=archives/Articles/WorshipAltItems3.php>

SONG AS CHILDREN GATHER

CHILDRENS MOMENT

HYMN Ancient Words

LESSON I Luke 4:16-21 CEB

¹⁶ Jesus went to Nazareth, where he had been raised. On the Sabbath he went to the synagogue as he normally did and stood up to read. ¹⁷ The synagogue assistant gave him the

scroll from the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸ *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me.*

*He has sent me to preach good news to the poor,
to proclaim release to the prisoners
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to liberate the oppressed,*

¹⁹ *and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.*

²⁰ He rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the synagogue assistant, and sat down. Every eye in the synagogue was fixed on him. ²¹ He began to explain to them, "Today, this scripture has been fulfilled just as you heard it."

May God add a Blessing to this reading.

*LESSON 2: Luke 10:25-37 CEB

²⁵ A legal expert stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to gain eternal life?"

²⁶ Jesus replied, "What is written in the Law? How do you interpret it?"

²⁷ He responded, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself."

²⁸ Jesus said to him, "You have answered correctly. Do this and you will live."

²⁹ But the legal expert wanted to prove that he was right, so he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

³⁰ Jesus replied, "A man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. He encountered thieves, who stripped him naked, beat him up, and left him near death. ³¹ Now it just so happened that a priest was also going down the same road. When he saw the injured man, he crossed over to the other side of the road and went on his way. ³² Likewise, a Levite came by that spot, saw

the injured man, and crossed over to the other side of the road and went on his way. ³³ A Samaritan, who was on a journey, came to where the man was. But when he saw him, he was moved with compassion. ³⁴ The Samaritan went to him and bandaged his wounds, tending them with oil and wine. Then he placed the wounded man on his own donkey, took him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day, he took two full days' worth of wages and gave them to the innkeeper. He said, 'Take care of him, and when I return, I will pay you back for any additional costs.' ³⁶ What do you think? Which one of these three was a neighbor to the man who encountered thieves?"

³⁷ Then the legal expert said, "The one who demonstrated mercy toward him."

Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

*LESSON 3 Matthew 6:16-18

¹⁶ "And when you fast, don't put on a sad face like the hypocrites. They distort their faces so people will know they are fasting. I assure you that they have their reward. ¹⁷ When you fast, brush your hair and wash your face. ¹⁸ Then you won't look like you are fasting to people, but only to your Father who is present in that secret place. Your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

This is the Word of God for all people.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE Fast times and Feast times

*HYMN UMH 269 Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days
vs. 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: UMH 395 Take Time to Be Holy vs. 1,2

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 336 Of All the Spirit's Gifts to Me vs. 5 only

POSTLUDE