

WORSHIP HANDOUT
Sunday February 11th
Focus Sunday: Black History Month

OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*OPENING HYMN Victory in Jesus (CCLI) UMH 370

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: My Lord, what a morning!

You have raised up a mighty nation and a mighty people

People: And we are strong, proud, and yours.

Leader: My Lord, what a morning!

You have brought us through the dips and hollows,
up and down the streets,

over the hills and mountains and through the valleys.

People: And we are strong, proud, brave and yours.

**ALL: My Lord, this morning, we have come to celebrate you,
to affirm ourselves**

**as images of you in all your glory and to say "Yes, Lord, we are
strong,**

proud, brave, and yours in every way." We count it all joy!

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/liturgy-resources-for-black-history-month-worship>

OPENING PRAYER

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, thou who hast brought us thus far on the way; thou who hast by thy might led us into the light, keep us forever in the path, we pray.

Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee; lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee; shadowed beneath thy hand, may we forever stand, true to our God, true to our native land.

“Lift Every Voice and Sing, UMH 519 v 3”

SONG AS CHILDREN GATHER

This Little Light of Mine (pub dom)

CHILDRENS MOMENT

ANTHEM

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me (OneLic) arr. by Lloyd Larson

LESSON 1 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 CEB

³ **And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are on the road to destruction. ⁴ The god of this age has blinded the minds of those who don't have faith so they couldn't see the light of the gospel that reveals Christ's glory. Christ is the image of God.**

⁵ **We don't preach about ourselves. Instead, we preach about Jesus Christ as Lord, and we describe ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶ God said that light should shine out of the darkness. He is the same one who shone in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory in the face of Jesus Christ.**

May God add a Blessing to this reading.

*LESSON 2: Matthew 5:13-16 CEB

13 “You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its saltiness, how will it become salty again? It's good for nothing except to be thrown away and trampled under people's feet. 14 You are

the light of the world. A city on top of a hill can't be hidden. 15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a basket. Instead, they put it on top of a lampstand, and it shines on all who are in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before people, so they can see the good things you do and praise your Father who is in heaven.

This is the Word of God for all people.

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MESSAGE One Voice

*HYMN Lift Every Voice and Sing (pub domain) UMH 519

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 There Is a Balm in Gilead (CCLI) UMH 375

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

Amen, Amen refrain only (pub domain)

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POSTLUDE