WORSHIP HANDOUT

Sunday May 5th
Thanking Worship Leaders Sunday
Series: Where is God?

OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*SONG OF WELCOME

Open Doors

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Here today there is love, freely available to all. Not our human loving, fragile and intermittent, but God's supreme love.

May a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth, break forth into joyous songs of praise.

Here today is love, higher than our loftiest hopes, deeper than the immensities of time and space, God's inclusive love.

Let the seas roar their praise, and everything in them. Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills sing together their happiness.

The joy of the living Christ Jesus be with you all. And also with you.

— written by Bruce Prewer, and posted on **Bruce Prewer's Homepage.** http://www.bruceprewer.com/

ANTHEM We Are Marching in the Light of God (OneLic)

OPENING PRAYER

We run to you God, as a child runs to their mother when scared.

We cling to you Lord, as a youth holds treasured memories of new experiences.

We call for you Redeemer, as the young cry out for their care-giver when in distress.

We sing to you Love, with our hearts full of praise and prayer.

Hear our prayers, hear our songs, know our hearts; that we would know you're here with us now. Amen.

SONG AS CHILDREN GATHER This Is My Commandment (OneLic)

CHILDRENS MOMENT

PRAYER HYMN Take Time to Be Holy (CCLI) vs. 1,4 only UMH 395

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.

LESSON I: Acts 10:44-48

44 While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell on everyone who heard the word. 45 The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles. 46 They heard them speaking in other languages and praising God. Peter asked, 47 "These people have received the Holy Spirit just as we have. Surely no one can stop them from being baptized with water, can they?" 48 He directed that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited Peter to stay for several days.

May God add a blessing to this reading.

*LESSON 2 **John 15:9-17**

9 "As the Father loved me, I too have loved you. Remain in my love. 10 If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I I I have said these things to you so that my joy will be in you and your joy will be complete. 12 This is my commandment: love each other just as I have loved you. 13 No one has greater love than to give up one's life for one's friends. I4 You are my friends if you do what I command you. I5 I don't call you servants any longer, because servants don't know what their master is doing. Instead, I call you friends, because everything I heard from my Father I have made known to you. I6 You didn't choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you could go and produce fruit and so that your fruit could last. As a result, whatever you ask the Father in my name, he will give you. I7 I give you these commandments so that you can love each other.

This is the Word of God for all people.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE You Are Here

*HYMN

They'll Know We Are Christians By our Love (CCLI) TFWS 2223

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.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

*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.

HYMN I Come with Joy (OneLic) vs. I-4 UMH 617

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

I Come with Joy (OneLic) vs. 5 UMH 617

POSTLUDE