WORSHIP HANDOUT Sunday August 11th

OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*SONG OF WELCOME Open Doors

*CALL TO WORSHIP
Out of the depths I cry to you, O God:
We hunger for the bread of Jesus, the bread of life, and we thirst for you, O God.

O God, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications! We hunger for the bread of Jesus, the bread of life, and we thirst for you, O God.

There is forgiveness with you and I wait for you, O God.
My soul waits for You.
We hunger for the bread of Jesus, the bread of life, and we thirst for you, O God.

In your words I hope. My soul waits for you, God, more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning:

We hunger for the bread of Jesus, the bread of life, and we thirst for you, O God.

~ from **Spiritual Hunger and Thirst for God,** written by the Rev. Bonnie Tarwater. Posted on the **United Church of Christ** website. http://uccfiles.com/

OPENING PRAYER

Bread of life, you taught us to put away bitterness and anger, and with tenderhearted kindness to share the fruit of our labor with the needy. Strengthen us by your grace, that in communion with you, we may forgive one another and live in love as Christ loved us. Amen.

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HYMN Many Gifts, One Spirit UMH 114

SONG AS CHILDREN GATHER This is the Day

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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 Abide with Me UMH 700

LESSON I: **Ephesians 4:25-5:2 CEB**

25 Therefore, after you have gotten rid of lying, Each of you must tell the truth to your neighbor because we are parts of each other in the same body. 26 Be angry without sinning. Don't let the sun set on your anger. 27 Don't provide an opportunity for the devil. 28 Thieves should no longer steal. Instead, they should go to work, using their hands to do good so that they will have something to share with whoever is in need. 29 Don't let any foul words come out of your mouth. Only say what is helpful when it is needed for building up the community so that it benefits those who hear what you say. 30 Don't make the Holy Spirit of God unhappy—you were sealed by him for the day of redemption. 31 Put aside all bitterness, losing your temper, anger, shouting, and slander, along with every other evil. 32 Be kind, compassionate, and forgiving to each other, in the same way God forgave you in Christ.

5 Therefore, imitate God like dearly loved children. 2 Live your life with love, following the example of Christ, who loved us and gave himself for us. He was a sacrificial offering that smelled sweet to God.

May God add a blessing to this reading.

LESSON 2 **John 6:35, 41-51**

35 Jesus replied, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

41 The Jewish opposition grumbled about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven."

⁴² They asked, "Isn't this Jesus, Joseph's son, whose mother and father we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?"

⁴³ Jesus responded, "Don't grumble among yourselves. ⁴⁴ No one can come to me unless they are drawn to me by the Father who sent me,

and I will raise them up at the last day. ⁴⁵ It is written in the Prophets, And they will all be taught by God. Everyone who has listened to the Father and learned from him comes to me. ⁴⁶ No one has seen the Father except the one who is from God. He has seen the Father. ⁴⁷ I assure you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸ I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ Your ancestors ate manna in the wilderness and they died. ⁵⁰ This is the bread that comes down from heaven so that whoever eats from it will never die. ⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever, and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

This is the Word of God for all people.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE To make the world thrive

*HYMN Standing on the Promises UMH 374

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

Shalom UMH 666

POSTLUDE