

## WORSHIP HANDOUT

Sunday August 18<sup>th</sup>

Baptism Sunday

OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

\*SONG OF WELCOME    Open Doors

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to God!

**We thank God for joy, for laughter,  
for abundant blessings of every kind.**

Give thanks to God

at all times and for everything!

**We thank God, when we can and as we can,  
for struggles, for solitude, for fears.**

Give thanks to God

at all times and for everything

in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**We thank God that, in Christ,  
our joys as well as our pain,  
our losses as well as our laughter,  
are in God's heart and hands.**

~ written by Thom Shuman, and posted on **Lectionary Liturgies**. <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.ca/>

OPENING PRAYER

i would prefer to be left leaning against the wall,  
shuffling my two left feet, watching the world  
twirl by; but you take me by the hand

to teach me the dance steps of grace;

when i walk near the piano, it shudders, hoping i will not sit down;  
but you take my fingers and place them on the keys,  
whispering, "play, play with joy, play!"

even with the biggest bucket, i can't carry a tune;  
but you push me out onto the stage, introducing me as the new soloist  
in the Good News Choir.

i will celebrate your joy, sing your hope, play your love, leaping and  
whirling in your grace forever!

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HYMN

HYMN                      For the Bread Which You Have Broken    UMH 614

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              Child of Blessing, Child of Promise    UMH 611

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

L: Do you, as Christ's body...your commitment to Christ?

**P: We do**

L: Will you nurture...now before you in your care?

**P: With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround her with a community of love and forgiveness, that she may grow in her service to others. We will pray for her, that she may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.**

L: Let us join...of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**P: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

L: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**P: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

L: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**P: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

**(Act of Baptism)**

L: Now it is our joy to welcome our new sister in Christ.

**P: Through baptism you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal**

**priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you as members of the family of Christ.**

**L: Members of the...and perfect her in love.**

**P: We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love.**

**As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

**LESSON 1:      Ephesians 5:15-20 CEB**

**<sup>15</sup> So be careful to live your life wisely, not foolishly. <sup>16</sup> Take advantage of every opportunity because these are evil times. <sup>17</sup> Because of this, don't be ignorant, but understand the Lord's will. <sup>18</sup> Don't get drunk on wine, which produces depravity. Instead, be filled with the Spirit in the following ways: <sup>19</sup> speak to each other with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs; sing and make music to the Lord in your hearts; <sup>20</sup> always give thanks to God the Father for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;**

**May God add a blessing to this reading.**

**LESSON 2      John 6:51-58 CEB**

**<sup>51</sup> 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."**



\*BENEDICTION  
Shalom UMH 666

POSTLUDE