

WORSHIP HANDOUT

Sunday August 25th

OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*SONG OF WELCOME Open Doors

*CALL TO WORSHIP

“Do you want to
leave me too?” Jesus asks.
He does not water down his words or change them.
“Whoever eats my flesh will live forever.”

**Where would we go, Jesus?
Who has life and words
like yours?**

If you can create a universe from nothing;
if you can invent a wheat field,
then we believe that you
can come to us
as bread.

**Holy One of God,
come nourish us, be with us and sustain us,
or we will not have the strength.
Our journey will be
too hard.**

OPENING PRAYER

Holy One of mystery and power,
there is no God like you
in heaven above or on earth below,
keeping covenant and steadfast love
with all who walk before you
with pure and upright hearts.
Fill our lives with your glory,
as you filled the temple with cloud
when Solomon first brought the ark
into your holy dwelling place.
Give us the strength and the power
to withstand the forces of evil
at work in our lives and in our world. Amen.

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HYMN Blessed Assurance UMH 369

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 I Surrender All UMH 354

LESSON 1: **Ephesians 6:10-20 CEB**

10 Finally, be strengthened by the Lord and his powerful strength. 11 Put on God's armor so that you can make a stand against the tricks of the devil. 12 We aren't fighting against human enemies but against rulers, authorities, forces of cosmic darkness, and spiritual powers of evil in the heavens. 13 Therefore, pick up the full armor of God so that you can stand your ground on the evil day and after you have done everything possible to still stand. 14 So stand with the belt of truth around your waist, justice as your breastplate, 15 and put shoes on your feet so that you are ready to spread the good news of peace. 16 Above all, carry the shield of faith so that you can extinguish the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is God's word. 18 Offer prayers and petitions in the Spirit all the time. Stay alert by hanging in there and praying for all believers. 19 As for me, pray that when I open my mouth, I'll get a message that confidently makes this secret plan of the gospel known. 20 I'm an ambassador in chains for the sake of the gospel. Pray so that the Lord will give me the confidence to say what I have to say.

May God add a blessing to this reading.

LESSON 2 **John 6:56-69 CEB**

56 Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in them. 57 As the living Father sent me, and I live

because of the Father, so whoever eats me lives because of me. 58 This is the bread that came down from heaven. It isn't like the bread your ancestors ate, and then they died.

Whoever eats this bread will live forever." 59 Jesus said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum. 60 Many of his disciples who heard this said, "This message is harsh. Who can hear it?"

61 Jesus knew that the disciples were grumbling about this and he said to them, "Does this offend you? 62 What if you were to see the Human One going up where he was before? 63 The Spirit is the one who gives life and the flesh doesn't help at all. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and life. 64 Yet some of you don't believe." Jesus knew from the beginning who wouldn't believe and the one who would betray him. 65 He said, "For this reason I said to you that none can come to me unless the Father enables them to do so." 66 At this, many of his disciples turned away and no longer accompanied him.

67 Jesus asked the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?"

68 Simon Peter answered, "Lord, where would we go? You have the words of eternal life. 69 We believe and know that you are God's holy one."

This is the Word of God for all people.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Sirens on the Rocks

*HYMN

Lift High the Cross UMH 159

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**

May You Run and Not Be Weary TFWs 2281

POSTLUDE