

WORSHIP HANDOUT

Sunday September 8th

Welcome Home Hope

OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*SONG OF WELCOME We Sing to You O God TFWS 2001

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us start this service well, by reminding ourselves:

That it is not we who chose Christ,

but Christ who chose us,

That we are not here because of our goodness

but because of Christ's grace,

That we are not here to enlighten ourselves,

but to allow Christ to enlighten us,

That we have not come to be entertained

but to worship God with heart, soul, mind and strength.

~ written by Bruce Prewer, and posted on Bruce Prewer's Home page. <http://www.bruceprewer.com/>

OPENING PRAYER

Lord, we gather this day to be reminded of your call and of a place where we are welcome. We say welcome home, we say good to see you, and we remember Jesus' love in the midst of the fellowship. We give thanks for this day together, and for all anywhere who worship with us this day. For everyone born is welcome in your house, everyone born is offered the call and opportunity to hear the words from you: Welcome Home.

SONG AS CHILDREN GATHER This this is where children belong

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

ANTHEM

TIME OF PRAYER

Eternal God,
you are the maker of us all, and we are your creation,
people formed in your image, as individuals, as community;
formed and fed and furnished with understanding of who you are

and of who and whose we are.

We worship you today in recognition of your calling,
of your communicating,
of your caring to invite us to share in your creative and healing work.
We are here because we have heard you speak in us and through
others.

Help us, dear Lord, to ever respond to you
and your invitation to your grace...

Lord hear our prayer...

God of all our moments, of our days and our nights,
you speak and you act in the world around us,
not only to call all people to you,
but also to direct and guide us in the way of healing and wholeness.
Awaken us Lord, to hear what you would say to us.
Help us to open our ears, our eyes, and our hearts to your presence.
Help us to know when it is your voice we are hearing
and it when it is our prejudices and desires to which we are paying
heed....

Lord hear our prayer...

Lord, we pray that your church may rise up with renewed commitment

in answer to your call,
that your people may be instruments of your grace and love....
Lord hear our prayer....

We pray for those who consider themselves inadequate
and dismiss or avoid your calling in their lives.
Give them a new vision,
a vision in which you are their strength and their hope...
Lord hear our prayer....

We pray for those who, in answering your call,
must leave the known for the unknown,
the oasis for the desert, the comfortable for the uncertain.
Grant them courage and steadfast faith...
Lord hear our prayer....

We pray too, today, O Lord, for those in want and need –
for those of us and of the larger community who suffer in body or in
soul.
We remember before you... [*various intercessions*]
Lord, hear our prayer.....

Loving Father, bless us all with an abundant faith,
a fruitful ministry, a joyful life.
Bless us and all those who gather together to continue the work of
Jesus,
who came to heal, save, and deliver us all,
and who taught us to pray as one family, saying...

~ written by Rev. Richard J. Fairchild, and posted on Kir-shalom. <http://www.spirit-net.ca/sermons/b-or02sm.php>

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 Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies UMH 173

*LESSON **Luke 5:27-32 CEB**

²⁷ Afterward, Jesus went out and saw a tax collector named Levi sitting at a kiosk for collecting taxes. Jesus said to him, “Follow me.”

²⁸ Levi got up, left everything behind, and followed him. ²⁹ Then Levi threw a great banquet for Jesus in his home. A large number of tax collectors and others sat down to eat with them. ³⁰ The Pharisees and their legal experts grumbled against his disciples. They said, “Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?”

³¹ Jesus answered, “Healthy people don’t need a doctor, but sick people do. ³² I didn’t come to call righteous people but sinners to change their hearts and lives.”

This is the Word of God for all people.
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE A chance to say, “thanks.”

*HYMN What a Friend We Have in Jesus UMH 526

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 TFWWS 2281

POSTLUDE