

## WORSHIP HANDOUT

Sunday October 27<sup>th</sup>

Stewardship: thanks

OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

\*SONG OF WELCOME                      Come Like a Fire

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Lord, I am blind –  
**for I am afraid.**

Lord, I am blind –  
**for I do not want to see.**

You promise to heal the blind –  
**and that terrifies me.**

I have seen the light –  
**and I want to close my eyes.**

I ask you to shake me,  
**but I fear being broken.**

I ask you to bless me,  
**but I fear being made whole.**

~ Neill Thew in **Bread of Tomorrow**, edited by Janet Morley, SPCK, 1995. <http://www.amazon.com/Bread-Tomorrow-Prayers-Church-Year/dp/0883448319>

OPENING PRAYER

Lord Jesus,  
Bartimaeus shouted when he heard you coming,  
sprang up, cast away his cloak and ran to you,  
asked you only for what he needed,  
his sight.  
And when you restored him,  
immediately, he followed you.

We give thanks for the people  
who hear and wait for us,  
who do not flinch at our humanity,  
who do not turn away from our vulnerability,  
who really see us with the eyes of love,  
that different way of seeing.

May we too see in a different way  
not just the condition of people but their capabilities  
not just what they need but what they can offer  
not just as labels but as lovable and loving people.  
Help us to learn from those who know their need of God,  
and to follow with their faith.

~ posted on the Monthly Prayers page of the **Christian Aid** website. <http://www.christianaid.org.uk/>

SOLO “How Firm a Foundation”

SONG AS CHILDREN GATHER

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

MISSION MOMENT            Kris Fleck

\*HYMN

TIME OF PRAYER

SILENT AND PASTORAL PRAYER  
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

\*Lesson                   **Mark 10:46-52   CEB**

**46 Jesus and his followers came into Jericho. As Jesus was leaving Jericho, together with his disciples and a sizable crowd, a blind beggar named Bartimaeus, Timaeus' son, was sitting beside the road. 47 When he heard that Jesus of Nazareth was there, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, show me mercy!" 48 Many scolded him, telling him to be quiet, but he shouted even louder, "Son of David, show me mercy!" 49 Jesus stopped and said, "Call him forward." They called the blind man, "Be encouraged! Get up! He's calling you." 50 Throwing his coat to the side, he jumped up and came to Jesus. 51 Jesus asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said, "Teacher, I want to see." 52 Jesus said, "Go, your faith has healed you." At once he was able to see, and he began to follow Jesus on the way.**

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

MESSAGE

Willing Blindness

\*HYMN

O Young and Fearless Prophet UMH 444

OFFERTORY

DEDICATION OF PLEDGE CARDS

\*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

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POSTLUDE