

## WORSHIP HANDOUT

Sunday May 11<sup>th</sup>

OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

\*SONG OF WELCOME      Open Doors

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: A drop of water.  
Insignificant in isolation.  
When dropped in a pool  
The ripples move out into infinity  
The water is changed  
By one drop of water.

A drop is falling  
Now  
Into the pool of our spirit.  
The water begins to ripple...

***P: Holy God,  
as we consider the magnitude of a drop of water  
to touch and change the pool,  
may we hear the power of your touch in our lives,  
the potential for our lives to touch others. Amen.***

~ written by Katherine Hawker, and posted on Liturgies  
Outside. <http://liturgyoutside.net/CPr5.html>

OPENING PRAYER

God of Love,  
You are with us in every transition and change.  
As we enter into this new era with excitement  
and even some anxiety,  
we recall your deep compassion, presence,  
and abounding love.  
We thank you for the gifts, talents and skills  
with which you have blessed us.  
We thank you for the experiences  
that have brought us to this moment.  
We thank you for the work of others  
that gives breadth and depth to our own work.  
Be with us as we move forward,  
rejoicing with you and supporting one another.  
We ask this in your Holy Name.  
Amen.

~ Joe Shadle Posted on Xavier  
University's [JesuitResource.org](http://www.xavier.edu/jesuitresource.org) website. <http://www.xavier.edu/jesuitresource/online-resources/Thanksgiving-Prayers.cfm>

HYMN Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore UMH 344

SONG AS CHILDREN GATHER Wide, Wide as the ocean  
CHILDREN'S MOMENT

ANTHEM Written in Red (by Gordon Jensen/arr. Camp Kirkland,  
CCLI #262744)

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    Come and Fill Our Hearts    TFWWS 2157

LESSON 1        Ruth 2:1-4    CEB    (liturgist)

Now Naomi had a relative on her husband's side, a man of standing from the clan of Elimelek, whose name was Boaz.

<sup>2</sup> And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, "Let me go to the fields and pick up the leftover grain behind anyone in whose eyes I find favor." Naomi said to her, "Go ahead, my daughter." <sup>3</sup> So she went out, entered a field and began to glean behind the harvesters. As it turned out, she was working in a field belonging to Boaz, who was from the clan of Elimelek.

<sup>4</sup> Just then Boaz arrived from Bethlehem and greeted the harvesters, "The Lord be with you!"

"The Lord bless you!" they answered.

May God add a Blessing to this reading.

LESSON 2        Ruth 2:5-13    CEB

**5 Boaz asked the overseer of his harvesters, "Who does that young woman belong to?"**

**6 The overseer replied, "She is the Moabite who came back from Moab with Naomi. 7 She said, 'Please let me glean and gather among the sheaves behind the harvesters.' She came into the field and has remained here from morning till now, except for a short rest in the shelter."**

**8 So Boaz said to Ruth, "My daughter, listen to me. Don't go and glean in another field and don't go away from here. Stay**

here with the women who work for me. **9 Watch the field where the men are harvesting, and follow along after the women. I have told the men not to lay a hand on you. And whenever you are thirsty, go and get a drink from the water jars the men have filled.**”

**10 At this, she bowed down with her face to the ground. She asked him, “Why have I found such favor in your eyes that you notice me—a foreigner?”**

**11 Boaz replied, “I’ve been told all about what you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband—how you left your father and mother and your homeland and came to live with a people you did not know before. 12 May the Lord repay you for what you have done. May you be richly rewarded by the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge.”**

**13 “May I continue to find favor in your eyes, my lord,” she said. “You have put me at ease by speaking kindly to your servant—though I do not have the standing of one of your servants.”**

This is the Word of God for all people.

**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE                      A Fresh Heart

\*HYMN                         My Life Flows On    TFWS 2212

UNISON PRAYER - **We Are a Pilgrim People**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.  
We proclaim Jesus Christ, the crucified and risen One,  
confessing him as Lord  
to the glory of God the Father.**

**In the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
We acclaim Jesus as the Lord of the church,  
the Head over all things,  
the beginning of a new creation.**

**We acknowledge that we live and work  
between the time of Christ's death and resurrection  
and the final consummation of all things  
which he will bring.**

**We are a pilgrim people,  
always on the way towards the promised goal;  
on the way, Christ feeds us with word and sacrament,  
and we have the gift of the Spirit  
in order that we may not lose the way.**

**We will live and work within the faith and unity  
of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church,  
bearing witness to that unity  
which is both Christ's gift and his will.**

**We affirm that every member of the church  
is engaged to confess the faith of Christ crucified.  
Together with all the people of God,  
we will serve the world for which Christ died,  
and we await with hope the day of the Lord Jesus.**

~ adapted from the *Basis of Union of the Uniting Church in Australia*. Posted on David Beswick's Worship and Preaching website. <http://www.beswick.info/>

**OFFERTORY**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;**

**UMH 95**

Praise God above, ye heavenly host,  
Praise Mother, 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**      Song of Hope    TFWWS 2186

**POSTLUDE**