

WORSHIP HANDOUT

Sunday June 22nd

OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*SONG OF WELCOME Open Doors

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Healing God, we come together in our brokenness,
to call to you in your mercy, to make us whole again.

Wholeness-giving God, listen to our prayers, we pray.

Restoring God, we gather to worship you, even as
we hopefully seek to be renewed and restored again.

God, our Quiet-Centre, listen to our prayers this day.

Foundational God, we come to praise and thank you!

In the depths of your Holy Being we find peace and rest.

God – our Beginning and our End, we hope always in you.

Amen.

— written by Joan Stott, and posted on Geelong City Parish
UCA website. <http://www.wesleychurchgeelong.net/>

*OPENING PRAYER

**Awesome and majestic God,
your creative power, your glory and holiness
were experienced by your people of old
as clouds and fire guiding them to freedom.
They believed that no one could see your face and live.**

**How blessed therefore are we,
for you have revealed your face to us in Jesus—
the human face of your love.
You also equip us for our journey through life and beyond,
by breathing new and everlasting life into our very beings,
through the gift of the Holy Spirit.
These people of old believed that it was your presence with
them
which made them a chosen and special people.
We praise and adore you, O God, for making our lives so
special,
by choosing to share your life with us in and through Jesus.
May this time of worship and the service of our lives
reveal our thanksgiving and our wonder that you should so
care for us.
This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

— written by Moira Laidlaw, and posted on her [Liturgies Online](#) website. Visit her site for many other lectionary-based resources for worship.

**SONG AS CHILDREN GATHER Jesus Loves Me
CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

**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 Lord I Lift Your Name on High (Contemporary)

LESSON 1 Isaiah 65:1-9 CEB

I was ready to respond to those who didn't ask.

I was ready to be found by those who didn't look for me.

**I said, "I'm here! I'm here!" to a nation
that didn't call on my name.**

**2 I extended my hands all day
to a rebellious people
walking in a way that isn't good,
following their own plans;**

**3 people who provoke me to my face continually,
sacrificing in gardens and burning incense on bricks,**

**4 who sit in tombs
and spend the night among rocks;
who eat swine's flesh
with broth of unclean meat in their bowls;**

**5 who say, "Keep to yourself!
Keep away from me! I'm too holy for you."**

**These people ignite my anger
like a fire that burns all day.**

**6 Look, this stands written before me.
I won't be silent, but I will repay;
I will repay in full measure**

**7 your sins and the sins of your ancestors as well,
says the Lord.**

**Since they burned incense on the mountains,
and mocked me in the hills,**

**I will count out to them
full payment for their actions.**

8 The Lord proclaims:

As new wine is found in the grape cluster,

and someone says, “Don’t destroy it, for there is a blessing in it,”

so I will do for the sake of my servants
and not destroy everything:

9 I will bring out offspring from Jacob,
and from Judah, heirs to my mountains.

**My chosen ones will take possession;
my servants will dwell there.**

May God add a Blessing to this reading.

LESSON 2 Luke 8:26-39 CEB

²⁶ Jesus and his disciples sailed to the Gerasenes’ land, which is across the lake from Galilee. ²⁷ As soon as Jesus got out of the boat, a certain man met him. The man was from the city and was possessed by demons. For a long time, he had lived among the tombs, naked and homeless. ²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he shrieked and fell down before him. Then he shouted, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, don’t torture me!” ²⁹ He said this because Jesus had already commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. Many times it had taken possession of him, so he would be bound with leg irons and chains and placed under guard. But he would break his restraints, and the demon would force him into the wilderness.

³⁰ Jesus asked him, “What is your name?”

“Legion,” he replied, because many demons had entered him. ³¹ They pleaded with him not to order them to go back into the abyss. ³² A large herd of pigs was feeding on the hillside. The demons begged Jesus to let them go into the pigs. Jesus gave them permission, ³³ and the demons left the man and entered the pigs. The herd rushed down the cliff into the lake and drowned.

³⁴ **When those who tended the pigs saw what happened, they ran away and told the story in the city and in the countryside. ³⁵ People came to see what had happened. They came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone. He was sitting at Jesus' feet, fully dressed and completely sane. They were filled with awe. ³⁶ Those people who had actually seen what had happened told them how the demon-possessed man had been delivered. ³⁷ Then everyone gathered from the region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave their area because they were overcome with fear. So he got into the boat and returned across the lake. ³⁸ The man from whom the demons had gone begged to come along with Jesus as one of his disciples. Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹ "Return home and tell the story of what God has done for you." So he went throughout the city proclaiming what Jesus had done for him.**

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

MESSAGE Restored to Community

*HYMN Lift Every Voice and Sing UMH 519

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 On Eagles Wings UMH 143

POSTLUDE