

WORSHIP HANDOUT
Sunday May 3rd
Communion
10 Commandments Series

OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*SONG OF WELCOME Open Doors

*CALL TO WORSHIP (liturgist)

Leader: In the days of Noah,
 God placed a rainbow in the sky
 as the sign of a covenant of God's love for all the earth.

**People: In the colors of the rainbow,
 we see the sign of God's grace for all creation.**

Leader: In the days of Moses,
 the words of God were written on tablets of stone,
 as the sign of a covenant
 between God and all of God's people.

**People: In the tablets of stone,
 we see the sign of God's hope
 for each to live in peace with God and neighbor.**

Leader: In the days of the prophet,
 God promised to place a new covenant in our hearts.

All: As members of the living Body of Christ,

we see the sign of God's promise among us.

— from the Lent 2006 liturgy, posted on the Seekers Church website. <http://www.seekerschurch.org/>

OPENING PRAYER (unison)

We acknowledge you, O God, as creator and as liberator.
You are the One who brought the captives out of Egypt
and delivered them from the oppression of slavery.
You gave laws which shaped how people were to relate to you,
to each other and to the whole environment.
You implored people to worship only you,
knowing that whatever was put in your place
would become the object of idolatry—
would become the priority of people's lives.

In this time of worship, help us to focus on you, O God,
as the priority of our lives.
Remind us of your steadfast love
revealed so clearly in the new commandment of love
which Jesus disclosed with his life and,
as we especially remember in this period of Lent, with his death.
Speak to us anew as we offer this prayer and our worship
in Jesus' name and for his sake. **Amen.**

— written by Moira Laidlaw, and posted on [Liturgies Online](#).

SONG AS CHILDREN GATHER CHILDREN'S MOMENT

LESSON I Exodus 20:1-7 CEB (liturgist)

Then God spoke all these words:

²I am the Lord your God who brought you out of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

³ You must have no other gods before me.

⁴ Do not make an idol for yourself—no form whatsoever—of anything in the sky above or on the earth below or in the waters under the earth. ⁵ Do not bow down to them or worship them, because I, the Lord your God, am a passionate God. I punish children for their parents' sins even to the third and fourth generations of those who hate me. ⁶ But I am loyal and gracious to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷ Do not use the Lord your God's name as if it were of no significance; the Lord won't forgive anyone who uses his name that way.

May God Add a Blessing to this Reading

LESSON 2 Exodus 20:8-17 CEB (pastor)

8 Remember the Sabbath day and treat it as holy. 9 Six days you may work and do all your tasks, 10 but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. Do not do any work on it—not you, your sons or daughters, your male or female servants, your animals, or the immigrant who is living with you. 11 Because the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and everything that is in them in six days, but rested on the seventh day. That is why the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

12 Honor your father and your mother so that your life will be long on the fertile land that the Lord your God is giving you.

13 Do not kill.

14 Do not commit adultery.

15 Do not steal.

16 Do not testify falsely against your neighbor.

17 Do not desire and try to take your neighbor's house. Do not desire and try to take your neighbor's wife, male or

female servant, ox, donkey, or anything else that belongs to your neighbor.

This is the Word of God for all people.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE The challenge of Parenting

*HYMN Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION (Blessing of Elements)

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right...and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the

highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the

Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you...the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out...now and forever.

Amen.

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 One Bread, One Body UMH 620

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.

SERVING/RECEIVING COMMUNION

*BENEDICTION

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POSTLUDE