

WORSHIP HANDOUT

Sunday July 12th

Series: The Psalms

OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS (liturgist)

PRELUDE (Bells) Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy Krug

*SONG OF WELCOME God Is Here UMH 660

*CALL TO WORSHIP (liturgist)

Blessed be the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth!

Praise be to God, the Giver of many gifts!

Our help is in God's name, the One who calls us here.

**We come with songs of praise,
with prayers too deep for words.**

Blessed be the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth!

Blessed be the Lord!

OPENING PRAYER (unison)

Christ Jesus,

we come into your presence
from many different places.

We come with songs of joy
and shouts of gratitude.

We come carrying heavy burdens
and sighs of suffering.

As you welcome us into your house,
lift our burdens

and receive our praise.

Salt us with your grace
and flavor us with your mercy.

Bind us together,
that we may be at peace with one another
and be strengthened to go forth
in service to the world.
In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

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HYMN To God Be the Glory UMH 98

LESSON I Psalm 124 UMH 846

(sung response)

When the storms of life are raging, stand by me.

If it had not been the Lord who was on our side – let Israel now say –
**If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, when foes
rose up against us,
Then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger
was kindled against us;**
Then the flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have
gone over us;
Then the raging waters would have gone over s.
Blessed be the Lord, who has not given us as prey to their teeth!
We have escaped as a bird from the snare of the fowlers;
The snare is broken, and we have escaped!
**Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and
earth.**

(Sung Response)

When the storms of life are raging, stand by me.

SONG AS CHILDREN GATHER Tell Me the Stories of Jesus UMH

277 v1

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

LESSON 2

Psalm 34 CEB

I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise will always be in my mouth.

² I praise the Lord—
let the suffering listen and rejoice.

³ Magnify the Lord with me!
Together let us lift his name up high!

⁴ I sought the Lord and he answered me.
He delivered me from all my fears.

⁵ Those who look to God will shine;
their faces are never ashamed.

⁶ This suffering person cried out:
the Lord listened and saved him from every trouble.

⁷ On every side, the Lord's messenger protects those who honor God;
and he delivers them.

⁸ Taste and see how good the Lord is!
The one who takes refuge in him is truly happy!

⁹ You who are the Lord's holy ones, honor him,
because those who honor him don't lack a thing.

¹⁰ Even strong young lions go without and get hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

¹¹ Come, children, listen to me.
Let me teach you how to honor the Lord:

¹² Do you love life;
do you relish the chance to enjoy good things?

¹³ Then you must keep your tongue from evil
and keep your lips from speaking lies!

¹⁴ Turn away from evil! Do good!
Seek peace and go after it!

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

*HYMN O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing UMH 57 v 1-5, 7

PRAYER HYMN Standing on the Promises UMH 374

OFFERTORY (Bells) O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing Krug
*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**

God Be with You till We Meet Again UMH 672 v I

POSTLUDE