

WORSHIP HANDOUT

Sunday October 18th

Laity Sunday

OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*SONG OF WELCOME Open Doors

*CALL TO WORSHIP (liturgist)

We are chosen children of God, bound together by the Holy Spirit.

Grounded in love, we belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.

The Spirit empowers us to live as imitators of Christ in love of God, neighbor, self, and all creation.

Grounded in love, we belong to God, and through God, we learn to love one another.

The Spirit inspires us to receive God's Word with joy in a world that rejects the good news.

Grounded in love, we belong to God, and through God, we live in joy with one another.

Come, let us worship in the assurance of God's love that chooses us, empowers us, and inspires us to live as the family of Christ.

We come to worship God in the assurance that we belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another. Amen.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, July 2026.

OPENING PRAYER (unison)

Loving, living God, be among us now. Show us your ways. Guide our steps. Live in us, that we may be people of steadfast hope and powerful giving. Help us hear your words, challenging us to give you

all the things that are yours. Help us remember that all we are and all we have are gifts from you, gifts to be shared in service and love. Holy One among us, help us be a holy people who receive your word with joy and live your message with love. Amen.

Written by Mary Scifres on the Ministry Matters website,
<http://www.ministrymatters.com/all/blog/entry/1779/worship-elements-october-16-2011>. Reposted on the
re:Worship blog at <https://reworship.blogspot.com/2011/10/call-to-worship-prayer-proper-24a.html>.

ANTHEM “Sing On, Dance On!” Mark Weston

SONG AS CHILDREN GATHER This is the Day UMH 657
CHILDREN’S MOMENT

HYMN Lord of the Dance UMH 261

LESSON 1 (liturgist) Ephesians 3:17 CEB

¹⁷ I ask that Christ will live in your hearts through faith. As a result of having strong roots in love,

May God Add a Blessing to This Reading.

*LESSON 2 Matthew 22:15-22 CEB

Then the Pharisees met together to find a way to trap Jesus in his words. ¹⁶ They sent their disciples, along with the supporters of Herod, to him. “Teacher,” they said, “we know that you are genuine and that you teach God’s way as it really is. We know that you are not swayed by people’s opinions, because you don’t show favoritism. ¹⁷ So tell us what you think: Does the Law allow people to pay taxes to Caesar or not?”

¹⁸ Knowing their evil motives, Jesus replied, “Why do you test me, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used to pay the tax.” And they brought him a denarion. ²⁰ “Whose image and inscription is this?” he asked.

²¹ “Caesar’s,” they replied.

Then he said, “Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.” ²² When they heard this they were astonished, and they departed.

This is the Word of God for all people.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE Be Grounded in Love
Jim Marlow, Amy Cook

*HYMN Take My Life and Let it Be UMH 399

TIME OF PRAYER

SILENT AND PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER

PRAYER HYMN There’s Something about that Name UMH 171

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

*BENEDICTION

Pass It On UMH 572 v I & 3

POSTLUDE