

WORSHIP HANDOUT
Sunday October 4th
World Communion Sunday
Consecration of Pledge Cards

OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*SONG OF WELCOME To God Be the Glory UMH 98

*CALL TO WORSHIP (liturgist)

In the name of God,

who created us,

who holds us and the whole world in his hands

In the name of the Son

who came into the world,

who reconciles us with God.

In the name of the Holy Spirit

who fills us with eternal life,

who links us with all Christians

and incites us to peace,

we come together to offer our thanks and praise.

~ from the Church of Scotland's **Starters for Sunday** suggestions for Lent 4C, from the Very Rev. Dr. Sheilagh Kesting. <http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/>

UNISON PRAYER

Almighty God,

as we gather in this place to worship you,

we know that all across the globe,
men and women, children and youths, persons of all ages, gather as well
to be your church
in all times, in all places, in all languages, in all expressions, in all
cultures.

Pour out your Spirit upon your church universal,
that all who gather in your name
and all who praise you
may feel your presence,
know your will,
and have the courage to do what you are calling us to do.
We pray in the name of the One God. **Amen.**

~ written by Kristin Holbrook, and posted on the [Roanoke UMC](#) website. Adapted by Rev. Andrew Scott, OSL.

SONG AS CHILDREN GATHER CHILDREN'S MOMENT

LESSON 1 (liturgist) Isaiah 5:1-7 CEB

Let me sing for my loved one
a love song for his vineyard.
My loved one had a vineyard on a fertile hillside.

² He dug it,
cleared away its stones,
planted it with excellent vines,
built a tower inside it,
and dug out a wine vat in it.

He expected it to grow good grapes—
but it grew rotten grapes.

³ So now, you who live in Jerusalem, you people of Judah,
judge between me and my vineyard:

⁴ What more was there to do for my vineyard

that I haven't done for it?
When I expected it to grow good grapes,
why did it grow rotten grapes?
⁵ Now let me tell you what I'm doing to my vineyard.
I'm removing its hedge,
so it will be destroyed.
I'm breaking down its walls,
so it will be trampled.
⁶ I'll turn it into a ruin;
it won't be pruned or hoed,
and thorns and thistles will grow up.
I will command the clouds not to rain on it.
⁷ The vineyard of the Lord of heavenly forces is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah are the plantings in which God delighted.
God expected justice, but there was bloodshed;
righteousness, but there was a cry of distress!

May God Add a Blessing to This Reading.

***LESSON 2 Matthew 21:33-46 CEB**

³³ "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a tower. Then he rented it to tenant farmers and took a trip. ³⁴ When it was time for harvest, he sent his servants to the tenant farmers to collect his fruit. ³⁵ But the tenant farmers grabbed his servants. They beat some of them, and some of them they killed. Some of them they stoned to death.

³⁶ "Again he sent other servants, more than the first group. They treated them in the same way. ³⁷ Finally he sent his son to them. 'They will respect my son,' he said.

³⁸ "But when the tenant farmers saw the son, they said to each other, 'This is the heir. Come on, let's kill him and we'll have his inheritance.'

³⁹ They grabbed him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.

⁴⁰ “When the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenant farmers?”

⁴¹ They said, “He will totally destroy those wicked farmers and rent the vineyard to other tenant farmers who will give him the fruit when it’s ready.”

⁴² Jesus said to them, “Haven’t you ever read in the scriptures, *The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. The Lord has done this, and it’s amazing in our eyes?*^[a] ⁴³ Therefore, I tell you that God’s kingdom will be taken away from you and will be given to a people who produce its fruit. ⁴⁴ Whoever falls on this stone will be crushed. And the stone will crush the person it falls on.”

⁴⁵ Now when the chief priests and the Pharisees heard the parable, they knew Jesus was talking about them. ⁴⁶ They were trying to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, who thought he was a prophet.

This is the Word of God for all people.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE Communication Conundrum

*HYMN Sheaves of Summer UMH 637

BLESSING OF COMMUNION

Congregational Response: **Restore all of who we are to you.**

TIME OF PRAYER

SILENT AND PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER

PRAYER HYMN Holy Spirit, Come to Us TFWS 2118 (several times)

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.

PASTORAL PRAYER/BLESSING OF PLEDGES

UNISON PRAYER

ANTHEM "Come, Share the Lord" Leech

BREAKING OF BREAD/SERVING OF COMMUNION

*BENEDICTION

Pass It On UMH 572 v I & 3

POSTLUDE