WORSHIP HANDOUT
Sunday November 8th

OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*SONG OF WELCOME Gather Us In

*CALL TO WORSHIP (liturgist)
Are you awake? Are you alert?
Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.
Are you watching the signs?
Are you interpreting what is happening today?
Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.
Do you see opportunities for ministry?
Do you see the poor, the homeless, the hungry, the needy?
Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.
Come, let us worship and let us work in the reign of God.
Christ has extended the invitation:
let us work together in the reign of God on earth.

~ Rev. Mindi, on her **Rev-o-lution** blog.

OPENING PRAYER (unison)
We long for wisdom, O Lord, but prefer that it be our own.
We turn away from the ideas of others
and ignore the possibility and promise that come
from life together with you.
Most of all,

we drown out your gift of Wisdom as she seeks to get our attention,
for we believe that we know better
or would prefer to decide where we make her welcome.
Forgive us, loving God.
Bring an end to the self-righteousness that ignores you,
and awaken us anew to the Wisdom that comes only from you.
Show us how to walk in your ways
and listen to your promise each and every day.

~ written by Rev. Andy James, New York. Posted on **LiturgyLink.** http://www.liturgylink.net/

SONG AS CHILDREN GATHER The B-I-B-L-E
CHILDREN'S MOMENT

HYMN I Want a Principle Within UMH 410

LESSON 1 Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16 (liturgist) CEB
12 Wisdom is bright and unfading. She readily appears to those who love
her. She's found by those who keep seeking after her. 13 She makes
herself known even in advance to those who desire her with all their
hearts. 14 Someone who awakens before dawn to look for her will find
her already sitting at the door. 15 Taking wisdom to heart is the way to
bring your thinking to maturity. The one who can't sleep at night
because he's consumed with thinking about her will soon be free from
worry.
16 She herself goes about looking for those who are worthy of her. She
graciously makes herself known to them as they travel. She comes to
them in each of the ideas that they think.

May God Add a Blessing to This Reading.

*LESSON 2 Matthew 25:1-13 CEB

"At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten young bridesmaids
who took their lamps and went out to meet the groom. [2] Now five of
them were wise, and the other five were foolish. [3] The foolish ones
took their lamps but didn't bring oil for them. [4] But the wise ones took
their lamps and also brought containers of oil.
[5] "When the groom was late in coming, they all became drowsy and
went to sleep. [6] But at midnight there was a cry, 'Look, the groom!
Come out to meet him.'
[7] "Then all those bridesmaids got up and prepared their lamps. [8] But the
foolish bridesmaids said to the wise ones, 'Give us some of your oil,
because our lamps have gone out.'
[9] "But the wise bridesmaids replied, 'No, because if we share with you,
there won't be enough for our lamps and yours. We have a better idea.
You go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.' [10] But while
they were gone to buy oil, the groom came. Those who were ready
went with him into the wedding. Then the door was shut.
[11] "Later the other bridesmaids came and said, 'Lord, lord, open the
door for us.'
[12] "But he replied, 'I tell you the truth, I don't know you.'
[13] "Therefore, keep alert, because you don't know the day or the hour.

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

MESSAGE Bridge over Troubled Water

*HYMN Wellspring of Wisdom UMH 506

TIME OF PRAYER
SILENT AND PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER HYMN Prayer Is the Soul's Sincere Desire UMH 492

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

Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing UMH 671

POSTLUDE