

WORSHIP HANDOUT
October 24th
Sermon Series: “Words, Words, Words”



OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Favorite Hymns, help us worship by telling us what you love to sing and why!

E-Offering, no more capital campaign though.

PRELUDE

OPENING SONG

Open Hearts

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Whose story is this?

**P: This story is God's alone to tell
It hums in the rivers and the trees
It whispers in the skies and the seas
It calls to the people of all places
It speaks in our hearts, in our lives**

L: Why then should we speak of this story?

**P: This story calls our name in Creation
This story claims our lives through the Cross
This story shapes our future through the Spirit
We are its telling in this time and this place**

~ posted on the **Third Space** website. <http://third-space.org.uk/blog>

*HYMN

UMH 600 Wonderful Words of Life

TIME OF PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER

**Lord, I am blind –
for I am afraid.**

**Lord, I am blind –
for I do not want to see.**

**You promise to heal the blind –
and that terrifies me.**

**I have seen the light –
and I want to close my eyes.**

**I ask you to shake me,
but I fear being broken.**

**I ask you to bless me,
but I fear being made whole.**

~ Neill Thew in Bread of Tomorrow, edited by Janet Morley, SPCK, 1995. <http://www.amazon.com/Bread-Tomorrow-Prayers-Church-Year/dp/0883448319>

SILENT AND PASTORAL PRAYER (MUSIC)

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.

HYMN

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Open Our Eyes 2x

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Nancy Hoffman

LESSON I

CEB

Job 42:1-6, 10-17

Job answered the Lord:

² I know you can do anything;

no plan of yours can be opposed successfully.

³ You said, “Who is this darkening counsel without knowledge?”

**I have indeed spoken about things I didn’t understand,
wonders beyond my comprehension.**

⁴ You said, “Listen and I will speak;

I will question you and you will inform me.”

⁵ My ears had heard about you,

but now my eyes have seen you.

⁶ Therefore, I relent and find comfort

on dust and ashes.

Then the Lord changed Job’s fortune when he prayed for his friends, and the Lord doubled all Job’s earlier possessions. ¹¹ All his brothers, sisters, and acquaintances came to him and ate food with him in his house. They comforted and consoled him concerning all the disaster the Lord had brought on him, and each one gave him a qesitah and a gold ring. ¹² Then the Lord blessed Job’s latter days more than his former ones. He had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, one thousand yoke of oxen, and one thousand female donkeys. ¹³ He also had seven sons and three daughters. ¹⁴ He named one Jemimah, a second Keziah, and the third Kerenhappuch. ¹⁵ No women in all the land were as beautiful as Job’s daughters; and their father gave an inheritance to them along with their brothers. ¹⁶ After this, Job lived 140 years and saw four generations of his children. ¹⁷ Then Job died, old and satisfied.

May God add a blessing to this reading.

Jesus and his followers came into Jericho. As Jesus was leaving Jericho, together with his disciples and a sizable crowd, a blind beggar named Bartimaeus, Timaeus' son, was sitting beside the road. ⁴⁷ When he heard that Jesus of Nazareth was there, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, show me mercy!" ⁴⁸ Many scolded him, telling him to be quiet, but he shouted even louder, "Son of David, show me mercy!" ⁴⁹ Jesus stopped and said, "Call him forward." They called the blind man, "Be encouraged! Get up! He's calling you." ⁵⁰ Throwing his coat to the side, he jumped up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹ Jesus asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said, "Teacher, I want to see." ⁵² Jesus said, "Go, your faith has healed you." At once he was able to see, and he began to follow Jesus on the way.

L: This is the Word of God for all people.

P: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

"To see clearly"

SONG OF PRAISE

I have this Hope

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him 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.

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

We've a Story to Tell to the Nations UMH 569 v 4

POSTLUDE