

WORSHIP HANDOUT

Sunday August 10th

OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*SONG OF WELCOME Morning Has Broken UMH 145

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God says, "Quit your worship charades.

I can't stand your trivial religious games.

**When you put on your next prayer-performance,
I'll be looking the other way."**

Are we here as a charade?

Are we playing a game?

Are our prayers just a way to show off how spiritual we are?

Why are we here?

Not to show that we are wonderful people,

but to become better people.

To strengthen our spirits as we seek to live out God's call:

Say no to wrong.

Learn to do good.

Work for justice.

Help the down-and-out.

Stand up for the homeless.

Go to bat for the defenseless.

May this time of worship bear fruit for the Kingdom of God.

Amen.

~ based on the *Message* version of Isaiah 1:10-20. Posted on Joanna Harader's **Spacious Faith** website. <http://spaciousfaith.com/2012/01/18/wednesday-worship-piece-isaiah/>

OPENING PRAYER

***“Learn to do good. Seek justice.
Help the oppressed. Defend the orphan.
Fight for the rights of widows.” Isaiah 1:17***

**We pray
justice
for the falsely accused
freedom
for the wrongly imprisoned
healing
for the tortured or abused
care
for the orphan and widow
concern
for the refugee and dispossessed
and above all
forgiveness
for our emotional detachment.
May we weep as you weep
love as you love
and not be afraid to be angry
for the sake of your children
wherever they might be.**

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**SONG AS CHILDREN GATHER
CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

TIME OF PRAYER

SILENT AND PASTORAL PRAYER

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.**

PRAYER HYMN Open My Eyes, That I May See UMH 454

LESSON I Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 CEB

The vision about Judah and Jerusalem that Isaiah, Amoz's son, saw in
the days of Judah's kings Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah.

Hear the Lord's word, you leaders of Sodom.

Listen to our God's teaching,
people of Gomorrah!

¹¹ What should I think about all your sacrifices?
says the Lord.

I'm fed up with entirely burned offerings of rams
and the fat of well-fed beasts.

I don't want the blood of bulls, lambs, and goats.

¹² When you come to appear before me,
who asked this from you,
this trampling of my temple's courts?

¹³ Stop bringing worthless offerings.
Your incense repulses me.

New moon, sabbath, and the calling of an assembly—
I can't stand wickedness with celebration!

¹⁴ I hate your new moons and your festivals.
They've become a burden that I'm tired of bearing.

¹⁵ When you extend your hands,
I'll hide my eyes from you.

Even when you pray for a long time,
I won't listen.

Your hands are stained with blood.

¹⁶ Wash! Be clean!

Remove your ugly deeds from my sight.

Put an end to such evil;

¹⁷ learn to do good.

Seek justice:

help the oppressed;

defend the orphan;

plead for the widow.

¹⁸ Come now, and let's settle this,
says the Lord.

Though your sins are like scarlet,
they will be white as snow.

If they are red as crimson,
they will become like wool.

¹⁹ If you agree and obey,
you will eat the best food of the land.

²⁰ But if you refuse and rebel,
you will be devoured by the sword.

The Lord has said this.

May God add a Blessing to this reading.

*LESSON 2 Luke 12:32-40 CEB

³² “Don’t be afraid, little flock, because your Father delights in giving you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give to those in need. Make for yourselves wallets that don’t wear out—a treasure in heaven that never runs out. No thief comes near there, and no moth destroys. ³⁴ Where your treasure is, there your heart will be too.

³⁵ “Be dressed for service and keep your lamps lit. ³⁶ Be like people waiting for their master to come home from a wedding celebration, who can immediately open the door for him when he arrives and

knocks on the door. ³⁷ Happy are those servants whom the master finds waiting up when he arrives. I assure you that, when he arrives, he will dress himself to serve, seat them at the table as honored guests, and wait on them. ³⁸ Happy are those whom he finds alert, even if he comes at midnight or just before dawn. ³⁹ But know this, if the homeowner had known what time the thief was coming, he wouldn't have allowed his home to be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, because the Human One is coming at a time when you don't expect him."

This is the Word of God for all people.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Read the Instructions

*HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling UMH 384

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

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

Shalom to You UMH 666

POSTLUDE