

## WORSHIP HANDOUT

Sunday September 14<sup>th</sup>

OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

\*SONG OF WELCOME                      Open Doors

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

God calls to the lost, the least, and all who long for home;  
God calls when we wander from the path chosen for us  
and waste the gifts we have been given.

**God calls and welcomes us back to worship this day;  
let us celebrate and rejoice in God's presence forever;  
let us worship God together.**

~ posted on the Presbyterian Church in Canada website. <http://presbyterian.ca/worship/>

OPENING PRAYER

**Praise God for the Lord who loves**

**Praise God for the Lord who cares**

**In the midst of my weakness**

**When I am lost**

**Unable to find**

**Even myself**

**There is One who seeks**

**One who finds**

**Me**

**The lost**

**And rejoices in the correction of our folly**

**Rejoices with the angels**

**Rejoices with song**

**Rejoices for us  
And with us  
Often before we are aware  
We were lost  
“Isn’t it strange how things happen?”  
“It was just one of those days”  
“I’ve decided to make a change”  
These are the words we use  
Rejoice and be glad,  
For that which was lost has been found**

~ posted on Pastor Dan’s Grace Notes. <http://coslcgrace.blogspot.ca/>

**SONG AS CHILDREN GATHER      BIBLE  
CHILDREN’S MOMENT**

**ANTHEM**

**LESSON I                      Exodus 32:7-14 CEB**

**<sup>7</sup> The Lord spoke to Moses: “Hurry up and go down! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, are ruining everything! <sup>8</sup> They’ve already abandoned the path that I commanded. They have made a metal bull calf for themselves. They’ve bowed down to it and offered sacrifices to it and declared, ‘These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’” <sup>9</sup> The Lord said to Moses, “I’ve been watching these people, and I’ve seen how stubborn they are. <sup>10</sup> Now leave me alone! Let my fury burn and devour them. Then I’ll make a great nation out of you.”**

**<sup>11</sup> But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God, “Lord, why does your fury burn against your own people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and amazing force? <sup>12</sup> Why should the Egyptians say, ‘He had an evil plan to take the people out and kill them in the mountains and so**

wipe them off the earth'? Calm down your fierce anger. Change your mind about doing terrible things to your own people. <sup>13</sup> Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, whom you yourself promised, 'I'll make your descendants as many as the stars in the sky. And I've promised to give your descendants this whole land to possess for all time.'" <sup>14</sup> Then the Lord changed his mind about the terrible things he said he would do to his people.

May God add a Blessing to this Reading.

**\*LESSON 2**

**Luke 15:1-10 CEB**

**All the tax collectors and sinners were gathering around Jesus to listen to him. 2 The Pharisees and legal experts were grumbling, saying, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."**

**3 Jesus told them this parable: 4 "Suppose someone among you had one hundred sheep and lost one of them. Wouldn't he leave the other ninety-nine in the pasture and search for the lost one until he finds it? 5 And when he finds it, he is thrilled and places it on his shoulders. 6 When he arrives home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Celebrate with me because I've found my lost sheep.' 7 In the same way, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who changes both heart and life than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need to change their hearts and lives.**

**8 "Or what woman, if she owns ten silver coins and loses one of them, won't light a lamp and sweep the house, searching her home carefully until she finds it? 9 When she finds it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Celebrate with me because I've found my lost coin.' 10 In the same way,**

**I tell you, joy breaks out in the presence of God's angels over one sinner who changes both heart and life."**

This is the Word of God for all people.

**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Taking Time to Search  
Pastor Andrew & Dave Newhouse

\*HYMN

This Is a Day of New Beginnings UMH 383 v 1-4

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

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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      Pass It On UMH 572 v I

POSTLUDE