

WORSHIP HANDOUT

Sunday October 19th

OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*SONG OF WELCOME Leaning on the Everlasting Arms UMH 133
(liturgist)

*CALL TO WORSHIP (liturgist)

I lift my eyes up to the mountains,
from where does my help come?

**My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.**

We look not to the mountains or valleys,
even heaven or earth,

For God is found among us.

Wherever two or three are gathered in Christ's name,

God is here among us.

Come, let us worship the God of Creation,
the God of People, the God of Community.

Let us follow Jesus, for Jesus is The Way.

Let us worship together in faith.

~ written by Rev. Mindi, and posted on her **Rev-o-lution** blog. <http://rev-o-lution.org/>

OPENING PRAYER (liturgist-unison)

**God of Justice,
we know that in this hard world there are judges
that neither fear God nor respect their fellow men.**

**But you call us to remember
the woman who gave one a hard time,
crying out to him day and night, until he changed his mind -
her sheer stubbornness.**

**And we celebrate all those, women and men,
who persist in the cause of right;
who will not keep quiet;
who insist on raising the issues, again and again;
who campaign for unpopular causes,
write letters, send emails, sign petitions:
people round the world
who pick up their pens or take to the streets -
and young girls determined to go to school.**

**We celebrate them: steadfast, down-to-earth,
blessed with both stubbornness and courage,
to change the world. Amen.**

~ written by Jan Sutch Pickard, and posted on the Monthly Prayers page of the Christian Aid website. <http://www.christianaid.org.uk/>

**SONG AS CHILDREN GATHER This Little Light of Mine
CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

MISSION MOMENT

ANTHEM "I Then Shall Live" Gaither/Sibelius/Larson

LESSON I (liturgist) Psalm 121 CEB

**I raise my eyes toward the mountains.
Where will my help come from?**

- ² **My help comes from the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.**
- ³ **God won't let your foot slip.
Your protector won't fall asleep on the job.**
- ⁴ **No! Israel's protector
never sleeps or rests!**
- ⁵ **The Lord is your protector;
the Lord is your shade right beside you.**
- ⁶ **The sun won't strike you during the day;
neither will the moon at night.**
- ⁷ **The Lord will protect you from all evil;
God will protect your very life.**
- ⁸ **The Lord will protect you on your journeys—
whether going or coming—
from now until forever from now.**

May God add a Blessing to this Reading.

***LESSON 2 (PA) Luke 18:1-8 CEB**

Jesus was telling them a parable about their need to pray continuously and not to be discouraged. 2 He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected people. 3 In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him, asking, 'Give me justice in this case against my adversary.' 4 For a while he refused but finally said to himself, I don't fear God or respect people, 5 but I will give this widow justice because she keeps bothering me. Otherwise, there will be no end to her coming here and embarrassing me." 6 The Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. 7 Won't God provide justice to his chosen people who cry out to him day and night? Will he be slow to help them? 8 I tell you, he will give them justice quickly. But when the Human One comes, will he find faithfulness on earth?"

This is the Word of God for all people.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "What Does it Mean to Ask for Help?"

*HYMN This is My Song UMH 437

TIME OF PRAYER **Mentor and Mentor Plains**
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 It Is Well with My Soul UMH 377

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 God of Grace and God of Glory UMH 577 v I

POSTLUDE