Week 1 Worship Resources: Plugged into Community

**Call to Worship**

Leader: Welcome to the community of faith, the family of God!

**People: We come seeking God’s love.**

Leader: God’s love is here for you.

**People: Help us to understand how we are connected to God.**

Leader: We abide in Christ Jesus, in love and compassion.

**People: May our spirits be renewed and our connection to God be strengthened through our worship today. Amen.[[1]](#footnote-1)**

**Unison Prayer**

Amazing God, we come together today grateful for this community of faith. We welcome old and new friends to this time of worship. May we celebrate the past that has set the foundation for today and step joyfully into this new season of learning and love, in Jesus name, Amen.

**Offering Introduction**

As we prepare for the offering let us reflect on how we are each called to share our gifts, our prayers, our time, our service and our witness to create a community of amazing grace.

**Offering Prayer**

Everlasting God, you are kind and trustworthy. Every day you graciously provide what we need from your abundance. We are grateful that you bring healing and hope for our life as individuals and as a faith community. Accept these monetary gifts and offerings to strengthen our church’s outreach to our neighbors. May more people come to know you and your love through our ministries. We ask this in the precious name of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.[[2]](#footnote-2)

**Music Suggestions (Traditional)**

Jesus, United By Thy Grace, UMH #561

In Christ There is No East or West, UMH #548

Blessed Be the Tie that Binds, UMH #557

**Music Suggestions (Contemporary and Global)**

Open Up the Heavens, CCLI #6304702

Build My Life CCLI #7070345

No Longer Slaves CCLI #7030123

Week 2 Worship Resources: Plugged into Jesus

**Call to Worship**

Leader: Whom do you seek here in this place?

**People: We seek God, the Creator, who brought us to life.**

Leader: Who has told you of God?

**People: Jesus Christ, God’s Son, has shown us the love of God through his life.**

Leader: Discipleship is difficult. Are you ready?

**People: We want to be ready. Lord, strengthen and sustain us this day. AMEN.[[3]](#footnote-3)**

**Unison Prayer**

Holy One, we bow our hearts before you this day.

Strengthen us in our innermost being and dwell in our hearts through faith.

May we be rooted and grounded in Christ, whose love is beyond all knowledge.

Help us comprehend even the smallest part of the beautiful mystery of your grace.

Grant that we may experience the fullness of your presence with us. Amen.[[4]](#footnote-4)

**Offering Introduction**

As God’s holy people we have power when we connect ourselves to the power of Jesus. May our generosity allow us the means to show the world the love of God that surpasses all other things.

**Offering Prayer**

Gracious Lord, you have lavished upon us the riches of your glory. As Jesus fed the masses, providing enough for all with more than enough left over, so you have fed us and provided for us. You shelter us, care for us, and bring us safely to each stop on our journey. As you have given to us out of your abundance, we return our offering to you with praise and thanksgiving. In the name of the Savior, we pray. Amen.[[5]](#footnote-5)

**Music Suggestions (Traditional)**

Sweet Hour of Prayer, UMH #496

I Need Thee Every Hour, UMH #397

Just a Closer Walk With Thee, The Faith We Sing #2158

**Music Suggestions (Contemporary)**

Lord, I Need You CCLI #5925687

What a Beautiful Name CCLI #7068424

Christ is Enough CCLI #6514035

Week 3 Worship Resources: Plugged in for Others

**Call to Worship**

Leader: Welcome to the community of faith, the family of God!

**People: We come seeking God’s love.**

Leader: God’s love is here for you.

**People: Help us to understand how we are connected to God.**

Leader: We abide in Christ Jesus, in love and compassion.

**People: May our spirits be renewed and our connection to God be strengthened through our worship today. Amen.[[6]](#footnote-6)**

**Unison Prayer**

Holy One, we bow our hearts before you this day.

Strengthen us in our innermost being and dwell in our hearts through faith.

May we be rooted and grounded in Christ, whose love is beyond all knowledge.

Help us comprehend even the smallest part of the beautiful mystery of your grace.

Grant that we may experience the fullness of your presence with us. Amen.[[7]](#footnote-7)

**Offering Introduction**

As we prepare for the offering let us reflect on how we are each called to share our gifts, our prayers, our time, our service and our witness to create a community of amazing grace.

**Offering Prayer**

Generous, merciful God, you invite us to the heavenly feast,

promising to fill us with every good thing.

Bless these ordinary gifts of bread and fruit of the vine,

that we may be kneaded and pressed into one holy, living body,

in the name of Christ, who lived and died and rose again. Amen.[[8]](#footnote-8)

**Music Suggestions (Traditional)**

Take My Life and Let it Be, UMH #399

We’ve a Story to Tell the Nations, UMH #569

Go, Make of All Disciples, UMH #571

**Music Suggestions (Contemporary and Global)**

I Will Follow, CCLI # 5806878

The Stand, CCLI #4705248

Do Something, CCLI #6439976

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