Week 1 Worship Resources: Hit the Road

**Call to Worship**

Leader: All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Jesus Christ.

**People: Let us go therefore and make disciples of all nations.**

Leader: Let us baptize the nations;

**People: Let us baptize in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

Leader: Let us obey all that Christ has commanded.

**People: Let us teach all that Christ has commanded.**

Leader: Remember, Christ is with us always;

**All: Christ is with us to the end of the age.[[1]](#footnote-1)**

**Unison Prayer**

Jesus, our Savior, in response to your call to be your faithful disciples, we are baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Open our lives and teach us how to follow your great commission to make disciples of all nations, to baptize and teach them your ways. Let us know the full blessings of our God— Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. [[2]](#footnote-2)

**Offering Introduction**

Today we have been called to go out to show Christ’s love to all nations; through our offering we take the first step to meet the needs of others in our neighborhood, region and the world.

**Offering Prayer**

God of all nations, let us act upon the call to serve all people in your name. Take these gifts, multiply them, and give us the strength and courage to be your change to bring your Kingdom to this world. Amen.

**Music Suggestions (Traditional)**

We’ve a Story to Tell the Nations UMH 569

Go Make of All Disciples UMH 571

Pass It On UMH 572

**Music Suggestions (Contemporary and Global)**

I Will Follow, CCLI #5806878

Oceans (Where Feet May Fail), CCLI #6428767

Yes I Will, CCLI #7105442

Week 2 Worship Resources: Worth Stopping For

**Call to Worship**

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit. Inspire our hearts with your fiery presence!

**People: Let your flame burn within us, stirring us to action.**

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit. Energize our lives to work for God.

**People: Let your wind of hope swirl around us, lifting and moving us from complacency.**

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit. Pour your blessing on us.

**People: Let your presence challenge us to proclaim God’s presence and love in everything we say and do. Amen.[[3]](#footnote-3)**

**Unison Prayer**

Amazing God, when your disciples were empty and discouraged you sent the power of your Holy Spirit to fill them with new life. We come here today feeling empty and discouraged ourselves. Send to us the wind and fire of the Spirit so that we to can be empowered to serve you in the world today.

**Offering Introduction**

On our own we are limited, but through the power of the Holy Spirit all things are possible. Share a story about how God has worked through your church to give people hope.

**Offering Prayer**

Living God, you are the Lord of all! Only you can send your Spirit to bring us new life. You graciously speak your word of hope in times of struggle and uncertainty, and in times of joy and peace. We are grateful that you are continually at work in our lives and the world to fulfill your promises. May our giving today show our trust in you. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.[[4]](#footnote-4)

**Music Suggestions (Traditional)**

Breathe on Me Breath of God UMH #420

Spirit of the Living God UMH #393

We are the Church UMH #558

**Music Suggestions (Contemporary)**

Death Was Arrested, CCLI #7046448

This is Amazing Grace, CCLI #6333821

Holy Spirit, CCLI #6087919

Week 3 Worship Resources: U-Turn

**Call to Worship**

Leader: Great Spirit of God, you have healed our wounds.

**People: You have brought us from paths of hurt and anger.**

Leader: You have blessed our life that we might be a blessing to others.

**People: Let us worship you in great joy.**

Leader: Let us remember the ways you have turned our mourning into dancing.

**People: Let us give thanks to you forever. AMEN.[[5]](#footnote-5)**

**Unison Prayer**

God of power and might, let your love shine on us and through us to others. Take the blindness from our eyes and our hearts. Give us the joy of knowing and serving you in all that we say, think and do. In Jesus’ Name, we pray. Amen.

**Offering Introduction**

Vision should always demonstrate God’s love. That love should result in a passionate love for others. That love in exchange should compel us to share about the love of God. Let us give today so that people can know the love of God.

**Offering Prayer**

Holy God, you work wonders beyond our imagination. Thank you for all of the faithful people you have inspired in the history of the church. You have sent into our lives kind Christians who have encouraged us in beautiful ways. Help us to keep growing as disciples led by your Spirit. May we become more devoted to good works and acts of charity, so that others will be blessed in turn. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen. [[6]](#footnote-6)

**Music Suggestions (Traditional)**

Just As I Am, Without One Plea UMH #357

Open My Eyes, That I May See UMH # 454

Love Divine, All Love excelling UMH #384

**Music Suggestions (Contemporary)**

Build My Life, CCLI #7070345

Cornerstone, CCLI #6158927

Living Hope, CCLI #7106807

Week 4 Worship Resources: Road Less Traveled

**Call to Worship**

Leader: The world cries to us in its distress. How shall we answer?

**People: We cannot pass by as though nothing is wrong.**

Leader: How shall we answer?

**People: We cannot become so focused on ourselves that others mean nothing to us.**

Leader: How shall we answer?

**People: We shall be the neighbor in service, reconciliation and compassion wherever we can. In Jesus’ Holy Name. Amen. [[7]](#footnote-7)**

**Unison Prayer**

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand,

to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

**Offering Introduction**

God has truly been good to us. The joys and blessings we experience in life are gifts from God. In this offering, we express praise and thanksgiving to God for the mighty works God has done and will do in the world. Our world has so many overwhelming needs. Yet we, like the good Samaritan gave generously, will provide love in Jesus name.

**Offering Prayer**

Holy God, you sent us your Son to teach us how to live with one another. As we give our gifts, we remember our lives are a journey, and those hurting along the road. May the gifts we offer this morning be used to bind up the wounds, ease pain, give hope to those who wait in despair. We pray as we serve, in Jesus' name. Amen.[[8]](#footnote-8)

**Music Suggestions (Traditional)**

Where Charity and Love Prevail UMH #549

Lord I Want to Be a Christian, UMH #402

In Christ There is No East or West UMH #548

**Music Suggestions (Contemporary)**

Your Love Awakens Me, CCLI #7054720

I Lay Me Down, CCLI #6223577

Week 5 Worship Resources: Headed Home

**Call to Worship**

Leader: Come, let us celebrate the forgiving, reconciling love of God.

**People: For once we were lost and felt so far away; now we have been found and welcomed home.**

Leader: Know that God’s love is lavished upon you forever.

**People: We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and hope!**

Leader: Come, let us celebrate and praise the God of Love.

**People: AMEN![[9]](#footnote-9)**

**Unison Prayer**

Gracious God, we come today to knowledge that there are times when we too have wandered from your love. We come to celebrate that you always hold open the door for us to return home. Remind us to do the same for others. Amen.

**Offering Introduction**

Our world is full of prodigals who are hungry and lonely and far from home. Your generosity provides a space and the means for all to be welcomed home with open arms.

**Offering Prayer**

Forgiving God, we are grateful that you receive us as beloved children. Like the father in Jesus’ parable of the lost son, you rejoice when we repent and return to you. Thank you for not holding our sins against us. Help us to welcome each person as someone you love. Use our offerings to support ministries that encourage people as they live into new life in Christ. We pray in his precious name. Amen.[[10]](#footnote-10)

**Music Suggestions (Traditional)**

Amazing Grace UMH 378

Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling UMH 348

Help Us Accept Each Other UMH 560

**Music Suggestions (Contemporary)**

Who You Say I Am, CCLI #7102401

O Come to the Altar, CCLI #7051511

Reckless Love, CCLI #7089641

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