**Suggested Liturgy Components for Worship Services**

**Centering Words**

Friends, from trying days, we gather in the Name of the One in whom we have and will continue to place our trust and our hope in.  As we join together in worship and praise, let us look to God today, the source of our strength and the center of our joy.

**Call to Worship** Source: www.spaciousfaith.com (adapted and edited by L. Wilson)

In God we take refuge.   
**God hears us and saves us.**   
God is our rock and our fortress.   
**God is our hope.**   
And so we come, seeking God’s peace.   
**We come, offering God praise.**

So, Let us delight in our God,   
**And gratefully receive the love and grace that God has for us.**   
Let us commit our ways to God,   
**Because when we trust, God acts.**   
Let us be still before God and look to our Creator and Redeemer,   
**So that we might follow in faith.**   
God is our refuge in the time of trouble;   
**Our helper, our rescuer, our savior.**

**Scriptures**

Colossians 3:12-17 New International Version (NIV)

**12**Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. **13**Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.**14**And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.  **15**Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. **16**Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. **17**And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Hebrews 11:1-3 New Living Translation (NLT)

**1**Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see. **2**Through their faith, the people in days of old earned a good reputation.

**3**By faith we understand that the entire universe was formed at God’s command, that what we now see did not come from anything that can be seen.

**Prayers**

*Pastoral Prayer*

Illuminating God,   
we come to you today as people with deeply mixed feelings.

The events of General Conference    
have left some of us exhausted, wounded, and despairing,   
others feeling victorious or satisfied,    
and many of us more cynical than ever   
about this limb of the Body of Christ   
that we call The United Methodist Church.

So we come to you today interceding for our church worldwide.

We pray today for healing,   
for individuals and communities,    
and for our congregation and all those affected.

May we be gentle with one another,   
patient in listening to each other’s sorrows   
and waiting for the right time to look to the future.

We pray for hope to be renewed,   
knowing that although the Church, before and after this, is as broken and flawed   
as any mortal human being,   
yet it is also something more:   
a vessel for the divine, an ongoing incarnation of your love,   
the vehicle through which you continue the ministry of Christ   
in today’s world.

We pray for love and compassion to well up within each of us   
and between each group that disagrees    
about your priorities and purposes for humankind.

We pray for persistence in the work and ministry   
to which you have called each of us and all of us,   
in this community and around the world.

And we pray for patience,   
as you redeem the fallenness of our human condition,   
as you bring healing out of brokenness   
and new purpose out of dead ends,   
as we are all being transformed into your image   
from one degree of glory to another.

We pray in the name of Jesus,   
who long ago taught his anxious disciples to pray, saying,

“Our Father, who art in heaven…”

*Prayer of Confession*

God of Truth and Justice,

We confess we have let our hearts and minds become hardened.

We have decided on the outcomes we want to see   
in our lives, our church, our world,   
and we refuse to believe you are in anything outside of our plans.

We have veiled our eyes    
to the glimpses of glory you offer   
in the people we do not want to love.

And we have clung to the moments of closeness to you   
that seemed perfect to us,   
forgetting that others did not experience them the same way.

Let us not be blinded by the glory we have seen,   
but let it illuminate our path forward,   
into the valley where others are suffering.

Let it inspire us to continue your ministry of healing,   
of restoring all people to wholeness and right relationship.

Open our ears to listen to your voice,   
to hear the voice of Jesus   
calling us into the world around us   
to work for justice and compassion, hope and peace.

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ,   
our Lord and Savior, Teacher and Redeemer,   
Healer and Revealer of your glory. Amen.

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**Prayer Response**

Lord Prepare Me – The Faith We Sing #2164

Gospel Alternative – Lord, I’m Available to You

Korean Alternative – Pyung-Hwa [(Dona Nobis Pacem)](http://www.gbod3.org/musicdownloads/DonaNobisPacemPyungHwaJooSoSeo.pdf)

**Song Offerings**

*Hymns*

UMH #437 – This Is My Song – “This is my song, O God of all nations, a song of peace for lands afar and mine.

UMH #438 Forth in Thy Name, O Lord – Charles Wesley hymn – “Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go, my daily labor to pursue;”

TFWS#2262 – Te Ofrecemos Padre Nuestro (Let Us Offer to The Father)

UMH #462 – Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

UMH #377/Korean #304 – It Is Well With My Soul

Hold to God’s Unchanging Hand – Upbeat Gospel hymn that can be found in Total Praise or African-American Heritage Hymnals

TFWS #2214 – Lead Me, Guide Me

TFWS #2153 – I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

W&S #3154 – Draw The Circle Wide

*Blended/ Contemporary (Can also be used as special music or offertory in Traditional Services)*

God, I Look To You – Bethel Music (charts/score available on songselect.ccli.com and praisecharts.com)

Heart of God – Hillsong Young & Free (charts/score available on songselect.ccli.com and praisecharts.com)

Eye of the Storm - (charts/score available on songselect.ccli.com and praisecharts.com)

For Everyone Born – see attached music scores; a simply melody with 3 verses and chorus for reminding us of the call to love and reach all.

*Gospel Songs*

Worth Fighting For – Brian Courtney Wilson

Jesus You’re The Center of My Joy – Richard Smallwood

Anointing Fall on Me – Ron Kenoley

Order My Steps – GMWA Women of Worship

Safe In His Arms – Milton Brunson