



Week 1 Worship Resources: From Marginalization to Mutuality

Call to Worship:

The Lord calls us to be people of the Way.

May we embrace and share the good news with all those we encounter along the way.

The Lord calls us to "go and do"!

May we be agents of God's mercy and love today and every day.

Unison Prayer: Merciful God, give us your eyes of love to see each other the way you see us. Help us to always turn towards one another as neighbors, with care and compassion. Let us never forget the grace we have received through Jesus Christ, that we may reflect that grace in and to the world.

Offering Introduction: Jesus draws us in from the margins to enjoy a new life of mutuality and fellowship with God and one another. Truly, no one is left out in God's eyes. We celebrate the radical embrace we have received by responding with hearts filled with joy and thanksgiving. Let us give our gifts to God with gratitude and praise!

Instruct people "how" to give online in several ways

Offertory Prayer: Gracious God, we offer you this morning our gifts that you have provided. We pray that you might bless them for the mission and ministries you have called us to do in your name. Enable us to be a living offering to you, giving ourselves more fully to your work of love and mutuality with all our neighbors. Amen.

Music Suggestions (Traditional):

Pass Me Not O Gentle Savior (UMH #351)

Draw the Circle Wide (W&S #3154)

Make Us One (TFWS #2224)

Music Suggestions (Contemporary):

We Need You Lord (Jonathan Butler)

Lord I Need You (Matt Maher)



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Week 2 Worship Resources: From Invisible to Affirmed

Call to Worship:

We call out to you, our God, because you are our helper and protector.

You look for the hurting, despised and overlooked to give Your comfort.

You are the God of the orphan, the widow, the poor and the ailing.

You listen for the cries that escape the ears of the powerful and well off.

We are your people and you are our God.

Give us eyes like yours, to see how you see. Give us ears like yours, to hear the cries you hear.

[Inspired by Clement of Rome]

Unison Prayer: Lord Jesus, our desire is to be like you. Wherever we go and whatever we do, let the world see you in us. Let your love and kindness radiate through our lives. May your presence fill us and inspire us to reflect your actions - moving us to feed the hungry; welcome the stranger; pursue those neglected; relieve those suffering; embrace all humanity in love. Like the sun shines on the earth, giving its light, may you shine through us as we share your love.

[Inspired by Mother Teresa]

Offering Introduction: God, you are above all things, yet you are near to the broken-hearted. Those we pass by and step over are important to you and never overlooked. You challenge us to humble ourselves and be more like you. Our lives of faith become real when we minister to the hurting. Friends, we look to God who is near to the brokenhearted, who never overlooks those we pass by and step over, and who always counts them as important. As we give our gifts today, let us remember those who we help through the ministry and mission of the church.

As Mahalia Jackson often sang for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.:
If we can help somebody, as we travel along,
If we can help somebody, with a word or song,
If we can help somebody, by righting wrong,
Then our living shall not be in vain.
Instruct people "how" to give online.

Offertory Prayer: Lord, it would have been convenient for you to ignore the woman bent over in pain. Others were quiet as she was outside of their purview. Yet, you saw her, and you healed her. You are the God who sees the invisible so that they may be affirmed. May our gifts and resources help to continue your ministry of healing and affirmation in our broken world.

Music Suggestions (Traditional):

Here I Am, Lord (UMH #593)

Sois la Semilla (You Are the Seed) (UMH #583)

Together We Serve (TFWS #2175)

Music Suggestions (Contemporary):

Total Praise (Richard Smallwood)

Called to Be (Jonathan Nelson)



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Week 3 Worship Resources: From Possession to Liberation

Call to Worship:

We are unclean.

Your love, O Lord, cleanses us.

We are captive to our thoughts and actions.

Your love and mercy, O Lord, liberate us.

We are undeserving.

Your grace, O Lord, is enough.

We feel unwelcomed.

You delight in us, O Lord. Thank you for the gift of your Son Jesus Christ, who set us free so that we can be all You created us to be. Amen.

Unison Prayer: Loving God, we are so grateful for your unwavering love for each of us. There is nothing that we can do or say that would keep you away from us. Even when we judge others and label them unclean, you come to us. Even when others turn away from us and make us feel unwelcome, you come to us. Even when our own thoughts and actions cause us to feel ashamed, you come to us. Help us to face our “demons,” those things we say and do that are displeasing to you and create barriers between us and others. We want to be free so that we can then help others to also experience freedom in you.

Offering Introduction: God calls us to reach out to the marginalized, the overlooked, the misunderstood, the lonely, the unappreciated. Through our gifts of money and time, we can do that. We can let people know that we see them, we love them, we welcome them, and they are loved by us and by the Most High God.

Instruct people “how” to give online.

Offertory Prayer: Almighty God, accept and multiply our gifts, so that we can carry out your mission in our community and the world, which is to bring each of us into a healing and transformative relationship with You. Show us how we can be conduits of liberation for all. Amen.

Music Suggestions (Traditional):

When Jesus the Healer Passed Through Galilee (UMH #263)

Victory in Jesus (UMH #370)

Just A Closer Walk (TFWS #2158)

Music Suggestions (Contemporary):

I Am Free (Newsboys)

I'm Free – (Milton Brunson)



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Week 4 Worship Resources: From Scarcity to Abundance

Call to Worship:

From the beginning, God has been creating something from nothing.

God created Light out of the darkness.

From the days of Moses, God gave provisions.

God supplied the Israelites every need in the desert.

From the feeding of the five thousand until now...

All: God gives us more than we can imagine. Let us give God abundant praise!

Unison Prayer: Eternal God, you call us out of scarcity into abundance. Not unlike the disciples, we often answer this call with fear and anxiety, trying to hold on when there is plenty to go around. Give us courage to live selflessly in community. Give us open hearts and open eyes to see the miracles you are working every day. Amen.

Offering Introduction: As followers of Jesus, we are called to feed those around us just like the disciples. We've seen in this passage that when we give what we have, God can do abundantly. As we give this morning, let us give joyfully and without fear, knowing God takes what we give and multiplies it in unexpected ways.

Instruct people "how" to give online.

Offertory Prayer: God of abundance, take our offerings and increase them, just like you did with the loaves and fish. Show us new and creative ways to use these gifts to expand your table into our city. Give us wisdom as we reach out to those around us for your good and your glory. Amen.

Music Suggestions (Traditional):

Come Thou Fount (UMH #400)

God Is So Good (TFWS #2056)

Love Divine All Loves Excelling (UMH #384)

Music Suggestions (Contemporary):

Blessed be your name (W&S #3002)

Way maker (Leeland CCLI #3798438)

We're Blessed (Fred Hammond CCLI #7115744)



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