



Week 1 Worship Resources: We > Me

Call to Worship:

Friends, we serve a God who designed us for community.

Come, let us worship together!

We serve a God who doesn't ask us to go alone.

Come, let us sing together!

We're loved by a God who chooses to be with us.

Come, let us walk together!

Unison Prayer:

God, we gather as a people who want community more than company, and who would rather be known by each other than to look like we have our lives together. Lead us as we grow closer together by worshiping you. Teach us that life together is better than isolation. It is in your name that we pray. Amen.

Offering Introduction:

Part of why we give is because we don't do life alone.

In some seasons, we will have plenty, and in others, we will have little. Let us give generously, so that we may carry one another, for we do not do life alone.

Offertory Prayer:

Great Provider, we offer you these gifts, trusting that your work is best accomplished when we join together. In letting go, may we discover something greater than what we could have known on our own. Inspire us with your dreams for our ministry. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Music Suggestions (Traditional):

Spirit of the Living God (UMH #393, AAHH #320, CLUW#214, MVPC #177)

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love (TFWS #2223)

Come Christians, Join to Sing (UMH #158)

How Great Thou Art (UMH #77, CLUW #61, AAHH #148, MVPC #2)

Blessed be the Tie that Binds (UMH #557 MVPC #347)

Music Suggestions (Contemporary):

Make Us One (Jesus Culture)

I Need You To Survive (Hezekiah Walker)



Week 2 Worship Resources: Investment > Quick Fix

Call to Worship:

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
**Let us come before the Lord with thanksgiving,
with music and song.**
For the Lord is the great God.
The Lord is our fortress and will not be shaken.
Come let us worship the Lord!
(Based on Psalm 92, 95)

Unison Prayer:

Jesus, we come to you knowing that you call us to greater things. At times we question if your words still speak abundant life. In our worship may we listen and hear your call. May we build our lives on the good news that you are our rock and our salvation. Amen.

Offertory Introduction:

We thank God for every good gift we have been given. Over this last week our church has _____. We celebrate this (achievement, ministry, event, etc.) and know that without you and the grace of God this would not be possible. As we take up our offering today, let us remember that what we give is an investment in the work of God in this community and beyond.

Offertory Prayer:

Great and holy God, we give you thanks and praise for all that we have been given. May our offering this morning be an investment in the gospel message, an investment that will bless you, your people and your world. This we pray in your exalted name. Amen.

Music Suggestions (Traditional):

My Hope is Built (UMH #368, MVPC #261)
Be Thou My Vision (UMH#451, MVPC#240)
Freely, Freely (UMH #389)

Music Suggestions (Contemporary):

Cornerstone (Hillsong)
Build Your Kingdom Here (Rend Collective)
In Christ Alone (W&S #3105- Shane & Shane)



Week 3 Worship Resources: Abundance > Comfort

Call to Worship:

Give thanks and praise to the Lord!

For God has dealt mercifully with us!

Even when we turned our backs on God,

God forgave us and restored us to life.

Rejoice in God's abundant love.

We will continually praise God who heals and loves us. Amen.

Unison Prayer:

God of all good things, we invite you to be present today to receive our worship, to find our hearts' desires pleasing to you, and to watch as we live out your example of abundant love and grace. Open our hearts to fresh ways of serving you and your world. Open our minds to new ways of sharing all that you have given to us. Open our souls so that we may be filled with your overflowing love. Amen.

Offertory Introduction:

Recognizing that everything we have is from God, let us in turn trust God with the best we have to offer. May we prayerfully offer our resources to spread God's abundant love, seeking first not our own comfort, but the work of God's kingdom on earth.

Offertory Prayer:

God of overflowing blessings, we offer up these, our tithes and offerings, in trust and expectation that from them, your love may be poured out in this community and the world. Guide us in serving others so that one day no one will have to worry about comfort, but all might know and live in the abundance only you make possible. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Music Suggestions (Traditional):

Take My Life, and Let It Be (UMH #399 CLUW #312)

You Can't Beat God Giving (AAHH #671)

Give Me A Clean Heart (AAHH #461)

Music Suggestions (Contemporary):

Together We Serve (TFWS #2175)

Tradin' My Sorrows (W&S #3108)

My Heart Is Yours (Passion)



Week 4 Worship Resources: Possibility > Status Quo

Call to Worship:

We come today with grateful hearts.

Thank you, Jesus, for preparing a place for us.

We come today carrying the burdens of the week.

Thank you, Jesus, for preparing a place for us.

We come today anxious about tomorrow's challenges, yet excited about the future possibilities.

Thank you, Jesus, for preparing a place for us. Amen.

Unison Prayer:

Jesus, we have heard your promise that we will do great things, yet we sometimes settle for the status quo.

We come today to hear your word, pray with expectation and open ourselves to your spirit's direction.

Prepare us to do greater things in your name. Amen.

Offertory Introduction:

Today we have been called to commit to possibilities that are greater than we can imagine. Jesus has assured us that we can do great things. We are stepping out in this promise to go beyond the status quo and invest in greatness, for today, tomorrow and always.

Offertory Prayer:

God of all creation, Jesus our provider, Holy Spirit, the great advocate – we come before you with our tithes for today and our pledges for tomorrow. We ask you to bless these gifts and guide us on the path of great possibility. Amen.

Music Suggestions (Traditional):

Seek Ye First (UMH #405, CLUW #136, MVPC #201)

To God Be the Glory (UMH #98, CLUW #78, MVPC #169, AAHH#157)

Come Thou Fount (UMH #400, CLUW #127, MVPC #42, AAHH #175)

Music Suggestions (Contemporary):

God of the City (Chris Tomlin)

Today is the Day (Lincoln Brewster)

Something Greater (Matthew West)

Moving Forward (Israel Houghton)