



Week 1 Worship Resources: Courage to be Vulnerable | Philippians 2:5-11

Call to Worship:

God has called us to gather together as beloved children.

We come ready to share our authentic selves, our hearts, with God and one another.

Wherever we are in our faith journey, God meets us right where we are, calling us out from isolation and fear into sacred community.

We come to humbly praise and worship the One who chose vulnerability for the sake of perfect love.

Unison Prayer: Vulnerable God, Jesus became vulnerable to the human experience; he came to be with us, brought healing to our relationship with God, and set us on a path to become our full selves. He came to be *for* others and *with* others. Lead us to take the same risk of growing together. Help us develop our vulnerability and courage, that we may help others feel safe and be vulnerable in community, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Offering Introduction: As we think about having courage to be vulnerable, our finances are one of the last places most of us want to be open about. And many times, how we use our finances is the hardest decision we make in day to day life. But what a privilege it is to give to God and sow into the ministry of the church. Verse 7 in today's text reminds us that Christ gave up his divine privileges and took on the humble position of a slave to be born as a human being. As we reflect on all Christ gave for us, let us be courageous and intentional in how we give to him.

Offertory Prayer: God of perfect love, we ask that you receive these gifts of tithes and offering as a sign of our knees bending before you, of our tongues confessing that you are God. Pour out your blessings upon these gifts that they might serve others in humble love that glorifies your holy name. Amen.

Music Suggestions (Traditional):

TFWS #2164 - Lord Prepare Me (Sanctuary)

UMH #356 - Pues Si Vivimos (When We are Living)

UMH #399 - Take My Life and Let It Be

Music Suggestions (Contemporary):

Standing in Your Love - CCLI # 7107821

Good Grace - Hillsong - CCLI # 7122177

You Know My Name - Tasha Cobbs Leonard - CCLI #7099371



Week 2 Worship Resources: Courage to be Gracious | Philippians 1:2-14

Call to Worship:

We gather in the grace and peace of God, our loving Parent, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We give thanks that God has begun a good work in us and that God will continue to carry it to completion.

With love in our hearts, with praise on our lips, and with an openness of our minds:

We worship in prayer, in song, and in hearing God's Holy Word proclaimed.

Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

Unison Prayer: Graceful God, you gave us grace and forgiveness and want us to look outward to others to see where the needs are. You want us to meet those needs with your grace, even when it is not comfortable, or we are met with resistance. Bless us with your grace to accept your forgiveness and extend forgiveness to others. Fill us with courage to let go of resentment and hurt, and move towards forgiveness, so that we can extend grace to others and further your work in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Offering Introduction: One of the greatest blessings we could ever experience is the blessing of giving to others. And that's what the ministry of the church is all about - to be a light in our community, to reach the lost, help those in need, and spread the Good News and love of Jesus Christ the best we can. So, let us prepare our hearts and minds to give today out of the abundance of our blessings.

Offertory Prayer: God of abundant grace, we give thanks for the many ways you have poured into our lives, granting us your courage to respond with grace in times of struggle. Receive these gifts we offer now, as we extend that grace to others. In your holy name we pray, amen.

Music Suggestions (Traditional):

UMH #405 - Seek Ye First

UMH #471 - Move Me

UMH #338 - Where He Leads Me

Music Suggestions (Contemporary):

God is on the Move - 7th Time Down - CCLI #7048139

Jesus at the Center - Israel Houghton - CCLI #6115180

Grace Alone - CCLI #7004659

Love One Another - Tommy Walker



Week 3 Worship Resources: Courage to be Last | Philippians 2:1-5

Call to Worship:

Encouraged by Christ, we share in the Spirit. Let us worship God.

We worship with humility and love trusting that one is not better than another.

Finding our unity in Christ, we worship with one mind, one love and one accord.

With the courage to be vulnerable, with the courage to be gracious, let us worship with the courage to put others before ourselves.

Unison Prayer: Compassionate God, you give courage to your children for the sake of others and their wellbeing. Give us the mind of Christ that boldly stands up for others; the mind that dares to speak up and show compassion and mercy; the mind that seeks out and sees the overlooked. Unite us with the mind of Christ in humility and joy, that we can stand up for others and grow in your ways, serving our neighbors and deepening our relationship with you. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, amen.

Offering Introduction: The text from our sermon today showed us the blessing in having the mind of Christ - who always gave of himself, caring for others, serving others, and blessing others. So, as we give today, let us think of the ways God is calling us to give, not just in our finances, which is necessary, but also with our talents, our spiritual gifts and our service to the church and community.

Offertory Prayer: As we offer our gifts this morning, we do so with the mind of Christ, focusing on the needs of others, rather than our own. Bless and multiply our offerings of time, talent and treasure, that they might enable others to courageously live, love and serve. Amen.

Music Suggestions (Traditional):

UMH #354 - I Surrender All

UMH #454 - Open My Eyes That I May See

UMH #382 - Have Thine Own Way

Music Suggestions (Contemporary):

Open the Eyes of My Heart - CCLI #2298355

I Need Your Glory - Earnest Pugh

I Need You To Survive - Hezekiah Walker



Week 4 Worship Resources: Courage to be First | Philippians 3:10-16

Call to Worship:

Our Creating God is present in this time.

May our worship strengthen us to press on in our faith.

Christ is calling us.

May our worship transform our minds to become more like the mind of Christ.

God's Holy Spirit is at work.

May our worship embolden us to live with holy courage.

Unison Prayer: Courageous God, if you called us to do something, it is because you gave us the ability, the strength and the courage to bring it to completion; that is your resurrection power. Remind us that your call is bigger than us. Help us to reach the unreachable. Lead us to forget what is behind us and focus on what lies ahead of us. Make us press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call in Christ Jesus. Help us to endure difficulties, pressing through pain, fighting in the face of evil to bring peace and love to the world. And help us to bounce back even when others might think all is lost. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Offering Introduction: There is an old hymn that says, "you can't beat God giving, no matter how hard you try. The more you give, the more [God] He gives to you..." As we reflect on having the courage to be first, to strive for perfection and press forward, there are many ways we can strive to be more courageous in the ways we give - through our finances, through our time, through meeting the needs of others and being the hands and feet of Jesus throughout the world.

Offertory Prayer: Holy Breath of Life, through the offering of our gifts, we strive to live out our high calling to be kin(g)dom builders, stepping out in faith to bring transformation. Bless these gifts and those who will receive them that, through God's Holy Spirit, courage might embolden us all. Amen.

Music Suggestions (Traditional):

UMH #357 - Just As I Am

Arise My Soul Arise (Charles Wesley Hymn not found in the UMH) CCLI #2570138

UMH #419 - I Am Thine O Lord

Music Suggestions (Contemporary):

You Make Me Brave - Amanda Cook - CCLI #7003306

Surrounded (Fight My Battles) - CCLI #7098758

Encourage Yourself - Donald Lawrence