



## Week 1 Worship Resources: Prayer | Romans 8:26-27

**Call to Worship:** Friends, today, welcome to this house of prayer. Whether together physically or virtually, let us now join our hearts spiritually as we call upon the name of the Lord.

**The name of the Lord is a strong tower. The righteous run to it and they are safe.**

So, let us seek in our time together and apart to become a more righteous people in communion with God.

**Great God, we worship you today because you are worthy, and we desire that through our prayers and our praise, we might draw closer to you.**

**Unison Prayer:** Spirit of the Lord, give us ears to hear you and recognize your voice. Reveal yourself to us and show us your way. Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening. We ask in the name of Jesus. Amen.

**Offering Introduction:** On this first Sunday of Lent, you are encouraged to commit yourselves to the practice of prayer, for yourself, for this church, our community and the world. Alongside your prayers you are invited to offer up your gifts, your talents and your resources so they can be used in a way that brings about God's will.

**Offertory Prayer:** Holy God, with prayers of gratitude, we offer you our gifts. Receive them and use them according to your will, that your love and grace will be spread in our community and in the world. Help us always to listen to the voice of your Holy Spirit as we steward these gifts. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

### Music Suggestions (Traditional):

This is My Song - UMH #437

More Love to Thee, O Christ - UMH #453; AAHH #575

Sweet Hour of Prayer – UMH #496; CLUW #330; AAHH #442; MVPC #269 – Dulce oracion

What a friend we have in Jesus – UMH #526; CLUW #333; AAHH #431; MVPC #257- Oh, que amigo nos es Cristo!

Lord Listen to Your Children Praying - TFWS #2193

### Music Suggestions (Contemporary):

Open the Eyes of My Heart - CCLI Song #2298355

A Praying Spirit – The Clark Sisters – AAHH #458

You Know My Name – Tasha Cobbs Leonard

Build Your Kingdom Here – CCLI #6186078

### Preaching Resources | Additional Components: Prayer of Confession:

**God, on this first Sunday in Lent, we commit to a season of looking at ourselves and working on ourselves so that we can grow in our relationship with you. We thank you that you invite us into prayer, an open and honest conversation with you. We admit that we do not always enter this conversation wholeheartedly. We carry burdens of guilt and shame that we would rather you not see. But you have promised us your Holy Spirit as a help in our weakness. So, today, with the Spirit's help, we confess to you our sins. We confess that we are broken, and we need you. We confess that in neglecting to love you with our whole hearts, we are also failing to fully love ourselves and those around us. Forgive us for our sins and help us to grow in faith and love through this Lenten season. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**



## Week 2 Worship Resources: Scripture | Psalm 1:1-3

**Call to Worship:** As we gather today, the Word reminds us that God is Spirit, and they who worship God should do so in spirit and in truth.

**With our joys and concerns, our worries and dreams, our questions and longings, we come together in faith seeking answers in God's holy word.**

So, in faith we pray. With our love, we praise...

**And with hope in Christ, the Living Word, we worship God who is our refuge and strength.**

**Unison Prayer:** God, we do delight in your ways and find refreshing in your spirit. Join us here today, guide us through the exclamation of your word, the singing of your praises and the joining of hearts and hands in mission. Nourish our faith so that we may bear fruit that witnesses to you. In Jesus' name, Amen.

**Offering Introduction:** On this second Sunday of Lent, you are encouraged to commit yourselves to the practice of studying God's Word. Alongside your searching the scriptures, you are invited to consider the gift you will bring that will be used to nourish and refresh our congregation, our community and our world.

**Offertory Prayer:** God, you have given us all that we have. In faithfulness to your word, we return to you a small portion of what you have given us. We pray that these offerings will be pleasing to you. May they help us bear witness to the Living Word, Jesus, who offered up his life for us. Amen.

### Music Suggestions (Traditional):

Thy Word Is a Lamp - UMH #601

Wonderful Words of Life - UMH #600; AAHH #332

O Word of God Incarnate - UMH #598

Break Thou the Bread of Life - UMH #599; AAHH #334

The Church's One Foundation – UMH #545; CLUW #255; AAHH #337; MVPC #269 – Es Cristo de su Iglesia

My Life Flows On - TFWS #2122

### Music Suggestions (Contemporary):

Living Hope – CCLI Song #7106807

Who You Say I Am – CCLI Song #7102401

Speak To My Heart – Donnie McClurkin

### Preaching Resources | Additional Components: Prayer of Confession

**God, in your word you have shown us your faithfulness. You have shown us what life lived with you looks like, but you have also shown us how those who have gone before us have made many of the same mistakes we do. Today, we bring those mistakes to you, confident in your forgiveness and faithfulness. We admit that sometimes we are rooted in our desires or what the world tells us to be, instead of taking root in your word, beside streams of living water. Forgive us for all the times we shut you out, preferring to hear ourselves over what you are saying to us. Help us to be better at studying and meditating on your word, so that we can come to know and follow you even more. In Jesus' name, Amen.**



## Week 3 Worship Resources: Fasting | Matthew 6:16-18

**Call to Worship:** In God's presence today, we yearn to see more of God and live more like Christ.

**Open our eyes oh God, as we seek to live a life that is pleasing to you.**

**We hope, oh God, that our lives would have an impact on this hurting world.**

Nearer, nearer blessed Lord, to the cross where Thou hast died!

**Draw us nearer to you, Jesus, that we might live as you would have us live.**

**Unison Prayer:** Jesus, we come here today to hear your teaching on living life more deeply connected to you. Direct our hearts, minds and actions in a way that leads to new life for ourselves and for your kingdom. Amen.

**Offering Introduction:** On this third Sunday of Lent, you are encouraged to commit yourselves to the practice of fasting. As we focus on seeking God, let us remember Lent is not a time to give up something. It is a season to do something. At this time, you are invited to humbly and generously give your gifts.

**Offertory Prayer:** God, accept our gifts today as an expression of our desire to be nearer to you. Help us to be people who give out of love for you and for others, not people who give in order to prove ourselves. As we practice giving of ourselves, we pray and trust that you will transform our offerings into blessings for the world you have created. Amen.

### Music Suggestions (Traditional):

Sanctuary - TFWS #2164; AAHH #462

God of Grace and God of Glory - UMH #577

Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone- UMH #424; AAHH #554

Seek Ye First – UMH #405; CLUW #310; MVPC #201 – Busca primero

### Music Suggestions (Contemporary):

Psalm 130 I Will Wait For You – CCLI #7118914

### Preaching Resources | Additional Components: Prayer of Confession

**God, you know us, and you know our hearts. You accept us, wherever we are, as works in progress. But sometimes we do not accept ourselves where we are. Sometimes we try to pretend we are something we are not. Sometimes we try to impress others, you, and even ourselves by what we do on the outside, without paying attention to what's really happening inside. Forgive us. Forgive all the ways we try to make something of ourselves instead of letting you shape us. Help us to practice habits that draw us nearer to you, even when it is hard or uncomfortable. Help us to always look to Jesus, our example and our savior, in whose name we pray. Amen.**



## Week 4 Worship Resources: Confession | 1 John 1:5-9

### Call to Worship:

Come, people of God, into this sacred space of worship.

**We gather longing for an encounter with God that will speak to our hearts, open our minds and renew our spirits.**

God welcomes you to pour out your praise and your prayers as the Word of God and the divine inspiration of the Holy Spirit is poured out on you.

**As we lift up our inner thoughts to you, oh God, receive this sign of faith and draw us closer to you.**

**Unison Prayer:** Loving and forgiving God, we recognize our own need for forgiveness. We recognize that we as human beings and as a church have added to the hurt in our world, and we long to make things right again. Teach us to ask forgiveness for our misdeeds and to seek out ways to be more forgiving. Make us into the models of forgiveness that you intend us to be. Amen.

**Offering Introduction:** On this fourth Sunday of Lent, you are encouraged to commit yourselves to the practice of confession. At the same time, you are invited to give generously to the work of this church. Your offering today will be used to bring light to a hurting world, comfort to our community and purpose for this congregation.

**Offertory Prayer:** Gracious and loving God, we offer our gifts to you, not because we are perfect, but because even in our imperfection, you promise to work through us. You invite us to shine your light in a world that needs healing and hope, just like we do. Bless these gifts to do just that through the ministry of our church. Amen.

### Music Suggestions (Traditional):

I Am Thine O Lord – UMH #419, AAHH #387; MVPC #218 – Tuya soy, Jess

Jesus Paid it All – W&S 3100; AAHH #357

There is a Fountain – UMH #622; AAHH #257

Just As I Am Without One Plea - UMH #357; AAHH #345

Give Me A Clean Heart – TFWS #2133

### Music Suggestions (Contemporary):

Lord I Need You – CCLI Song #5925687

Less Like Me – CCLI #7136017

Heart of God – CCLI Song #7109453

### Preaching Resources | Additional Components: Prayer of Confession

**Jesus, you are the light of the world and you call us to walk in the light with you. But it's often hard for us to admit our sins, our wrongdoings, the ways we are broken. We often choose to hide. We confess that confession is hard! It makes us look at parts of ourselves we would rather not see. But today, God, we choose confession. We choose to bear the innermost secrets and struggles of our hearts to you, that we might bask in the light of your Son. In this community of faith and in our lives, help us to find people we can be honest with about our sins, so that we can lean on one another and remind one another that we are forgiven and loved by you. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.**



## Week 5 Worship Resources: Worship | 1 Corinthians 10:31-33

### Call to Worship:

This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!

**We come before you this day, oh God, with many thoughts and feelings.**

Come unto me all you who are burdened and heavy laden.

**We come to worship knowing that you are with us, in all things and at all times.**

**Let us worship, then, the God of our hope and salvation.**

**Unison Prayer:** Dear God, we come before you and offer ourselves to you this day in worship. We are in awe of your presence. Too often we find ourselves consumed with meaningless things and forget to focus on you. Despite our failings, you are ever faithful. Humbly we will worship our God who is worthy of all our praise. Amen.

**Offering Introduction:** On this fifth Sunday of Lent, you are encouraged to commit yourselves to the practice of worship. Today's offering is a form of our worship to God, a small token of our praise for all that God has given. Bring your offerings today with a grateful heart.

**Offertory Prayer:** God of every moment, as we seek to give you glory in everything we do, we offer up also our financial gifts to you. We offer up our gifts of time, the use of our spiritual gifts, and our hard work to show our community and the world what a great God you are. Use all these gifts to further your work in the world, to the glory of your name. Amen.

### Music Suggestions (Traditional):

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name – UMH #154; AAHH #292MVPC #60 – El nombre de Jess load

And Can It Be That I Should Gain – UMH #363; CLUW #280; MVPC #206 – Como en su sangre pudo haber!

Living for Jesus – TFWS #2149

We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding – TFWS #2103

### Music Suggestions (Contemporary):

Way Maker – CCLI Song #7115744

Revelation Song- CCLI Song #447960

King of My Heart – CCLI Song #704615

### Preaching Resources | Additional Components: Prayer of Confession

**God of glory, we confess to you today that sometimes we try to limit you. We limit you to Sunday morning, or to the church building, or to a certain time of day or certain activity. When we do, we do not recognize you for who you are – God of all creation, all times, and all places. We do not give you all the glory that is yours. We admit that we sometimes judge the ways others worship you; we think we have the only way. Forgive us for our sins. Forgive us for the harm we have caused to others, for the love we have failed to give. Broaden our perspectives, that we might learn to worship you in every single thing we do. Amen!**



## Passion/Palm Sunday Worship Resources: Silence

### Call to Worship:

Lord we gather today longing to hear your voice.

**As we commune with you and with one another, may we learn to recognize your voice.**

Even in the silent moments, oh Lord, we long to hear from you.

**May the silence bring us moments of meditation and peace, signs from you, and the whispers of your spirit in our hearts.**

**Unison Prayer:** Dear Jesus, while the crowds are shouting for a king, you enter this week with humble spirit. As the same crowds condemn you later, you offer up quiet prayers for their forgiveness. As we enter this Holy Week, help us not to follow the crowds, but to instead stay close to you on the way to the cross. Amen.

**Offering Introduction:** On this six Sunday of Lent, you are encouraged to commit yourselves to the practice of silence. Today's offering is a witness to all the ways that people's generosity is silently shaping the kingdom of God, so that all the world may know the love of God.

**Offertory Prayer:** God, we give you these gifts today along with a commitment to listen to how you would have us use them. Quieten our thoughts so that we can tune our hearts and minds to your will. Guide us and accompany us as we aim to be faithful stewards of these gifts. Amen.

### Music Suggestions (Traditional):

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence – UMH #626

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna - UMH #278

Mantos y Palmas (Filled with Excitement) - UMH #279

All Glory, Laud, and Honor - UMH #280

We Sang Our Glad Hosannas – TFWS #2111

Be Still My Soul UMH #534; AAHH #135

### Music Suggestions (Contemporary):

Everlasting God – CCLI Song #4556538

Lord Make Me Over – Tonex

All My Hope – CCLI Song #7068805





### **Preaching Resources | Additional Components: Prayer of Confession**

*Instructions: Try something a little different. Try leaving a longer period of silence (maybe three minutes... it will feel like a long time) in your prayer of confession. Tell people that you will be practicing silence and encourage them to spend the time listening to what God might be calling them to confess (rather than spending the time confessing/"talking" in their minds).*

**Prayer: God, we confess to you that when we pray, we often do more talking than listening. Help us create space now to listen to what you have to say, to listen to what you are calling us to confess and repent.**

*(Leave three minutes for listening, or longer if you want.)*

**Holy Spirit, thank you for speaking to us now, and in different ways at different times. Forgive us for the sins we have been made more aware of during this time. Amen.**



## Easter Sunday Worship Resources: Gratitude

### Call to Worship:

Rise and shine Easter people, for our Savior is risen and light shines once again and for all eternity!

**We rejoice today in our Resurrected Savior who brought us to victory!**

Let us be thankful today, for victory over the grave, over sin and death, and over our adversary.

**Thank you, Lord, for salvation full and free, for fulfilled promises, and for new life in you!**

**Unison Prayer:** Thanks be to God for your indescribable gift of new life. We thank you God for your love and for your power in paving a way for all your children to have resurrection hope. May we forever give thanks for your sacrificial love. Amen.

**Offering Introduction:** On this Resurrection Sunday, you are encouraged to commit yourselves to the practice of gratitude. Your offering today will provide new life and hope to people in our congregation, our community and our world. Let your generosity be a proclamation of your thankfulness for all the good works and gifts you have been given.

**Offertory Prayer:** God of grace, we give you thanks for the awe-inspiring gift you have given us of forgiveness and new life through Jesus! In gratitude, we offer up our gifts to you, and we offer up ourselves to you, to be shaped into a new creation. Use all that we have and all that we are to spread the news that Christ has died for us and has risen, indeed! Amen.

### Music Suggestions (Traditional):

Because He Lives – UMH #364; CLUW #285 ; AAHH #281; MVPC #154 – Vive el Señor!

He Lives (I Serve a Risen Savior) - UMH #310; AAHH #275; MVPC # 149 – Al Cristo vivo sirvo

Christ the Lord is Risen Today – UMH #302; CLUW #193; AAHH#282; MVPC #152 – Cristo ya resucito, Aleluya!

Easter People, Raise Your Voices - UMH #304

### Music Suggestions (Contemporary):

O Praise the Name (Anastasis) - CCLI Song #7037787

Because He Lives (Amen) - CCLI Song #7027887

Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me) - CCLI Song #5638022

### Preaching Resources | Additional Components: Prayer of Confession

**Resurrected Lord Jesus, we thank you for the gift of confession, the gift of starting anew every day. We thank you for the freedom to be honest about our sins without fear, confident that you have triumphed over all sin, evil, and death. We confess to you today that we have fallen short of being the people you call us to be. We have hurt others by what we have done and by what we have failed to do. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to pattern our lives so that we become more connected to you every day, so that we live as you would have us live every day. We pray these things and confess our sins in gratitude for your promise of forgiveness and new life. Amen.**