



Week 1 Worship Resources: Hearing Other Voices

Call to Worship:

All: We come with hearts bowed and bodies bent shouting "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us"!

Leader: Just like blind Bartimaeus did,

People: Just like the lame and oppressed did,

Leader: Let us have the courage to ask as Jesus asked,

People: What do you want Jesus to do for you?

All: God, call us and use us for your glory so others can be healed in Jesus' name.

Unison Prayer:

Holy One, still us this day to encounter your presence in our worship and in the world. Ready us to hear your voice as it speaks to us in ways that are sometimes dramatic, often ordinary, and always meaningful. Help us also to hear you through each other, and especially through those whom we sometimes, in busyness or pride, forget to listen to.

Amen.

Offering Introduction:

We get so focused on doing things the right and proper way that we tend to forget that God sometimes speaks to us in quiet and ordinary ways. Today, may we open our eyes to witness the many places of need around us, the places of loss, loneliness, of grief, of pain, of questioning. Let us give to make an impact in these places, to build your kin(g)dom right where we are.

Offertory Prayer:

God of love and compassion, we give you thanks for your son, Jesus, who came and dwelt among us, showing us how to love one another and to care for all people. Help us to seek to help others as Jesus did, by asking their true needs and not assuming we already know what they need. Multiply these offerings for use in bringing forth the kin(g)dom of God on earth. Grant us wisdom to always be good stewards of all that you provide us. In Jesus' holy name, amen.

Music Suggestions (Traditional):

TFWS #2221 – In Unity We Lift Our Song (Sings to the tune of A Mighty Fortress is our God)

UMH #553 – And Are We Yet Alive

W&S #3154 – Draw the Circle Wide

Me guía Él MVPC #237 / He leadeth me UMH #128

Mil voces para celebrar MVPC #1 / O for a thousand tongues UMH #57

CLUW #253 – Help Us Accept Each Other

Music Suggestions (Contemporary):

I Need You to Survive – Hezekiah Walker

The Blessing - CCLI Song # 7147007

O Come To the Altar – CCLI #7051511



Week 2 Worship Resources: Sisters Are Doing It for Themselves

Call to Worship:

God, we are grateful and stand in awe of how you see us!

How you see our sin and forgive us!

How you see our woundedness and heal us!

How you see the purpose of all people and call us!

How you see those on the margins and center them in Your story!

God, we are grateful and stand in awe of how you see us!

Unison Prayer:

Gracious God break our reliance on the things of comfort. Break our desire to turn to the things of tradition that exclude and push away. Help us to see every piece of what we do as full of possibility. Help us to work towards inclusion and justice, where all means all. Amen.

Offering Introduction:

God calls us to work together to extend the welcome table to include those who sit on the margins among us. Let us give today in a spirit of welcoming and widening our circle.

Offertory Prayer:

God of justice and mercy, we give you thanks for all the blessings you pour into our lives. We long to serve you with good stewardship of all we have. We also long to act justly. May you guide us and grant us discernment in how we use our resources. Help us to be open to receive your guidance, to listen wholeheartedly so that we can make a difference in this world creating a society of justice, love, and peace. We ask you to bless the givers and bless the receivers. Multiply what we offer abundantly so we can continue to serve you as we bring forth the kin(g)dom of God. In the name of our Savior, Jesus the Christ, amen.

Music Suggestions (Traditional):

UMH #555 – Forward Through the Ages - (same tune as Onward Christian Soldiers)

W&S – 3154 – Draw the Circle Wide

TFWS #2175 – Together We Serve

UMH #140 – Great Is Thy Faithfulness MVPC #30

Jubilos te Adoramos MVPC #5 / Joyful, Joyful, we adore Thee UMH #89

CLUW #282 – Give to the Winds Thy Fears

Music Suggestions (Contemporary):

You Make Me Brave – CCLI #7003306

Another In the Fire – CCLI #7124907



Week 3 Worship Resources: R.E.S.P.E.C.T. the Stranger

Call to Worship:

The Lord our God is God of gods and Lord of lords --

The God who is mighty and awesome,

The One who has no favorites,

The God who extends justice to the orphan and the widow.

How do we show our love for God? How do we show we are God's people?

By loving the stranger for we were once strangers of God!

Unison Prayer:

Loving God, you invite us again and again to redefine what love looks like among us. Continue to expand our understanding of you. Expand our sight to see each person as one who you love. As you welcome us, help us to show your expansive welcome in our community and beyond. Amen.

Offering Introduction:

God shows us through scripture and in our own interactions the ways being in relationship *with* one another changes us and blesses us along our faith journey. As God pours abundantly into our lives, we thankfully and cheerfully respond with our gifts back to God.

Offertory Prayer:

Loving and merciful God, we give you thanks for your unconditional love. Help us to receive your grace and extend it to others. We offer to you all the resources you have provided, seeking their multiplication and wisdom in using them to serve *all* your people, regardless of their race, skin color, language, culture, socio-economic status, gender, or abilities. As we use these offerings to serve the children of God, may we also share with them the unconditional love you so freely give us. Grant us the understanding that we may be the only Jesus some people ever meet and reflect him to others. In Jesus' precious name, amen.

Music Suggestions (Traditional):

UMH #548 – In Christ There is no East or West

UMH #572 – Pass It On

Oh que Amigo nos es Cristo MVPC #257 / What a Friend we have in Jesus UMH #526

Oh, Criaturas del Señor MVPC #22 / All Creatures of our God and King UMH #62

CLUW #254 – Blest Be the Dear Uniting Love

Music Suggestions (Contemporary):

God So Loved – CCLI #7138599

Make Room – CCLI #7101018

Cece Winans – Never Have to Be Alone



Week 4 Worship Resources: Diverse People, One Vision

Call to Worship:

Salvation belongs to God and God alone!

God saves through Jesus Christ reflected in all people.

God saves through every people, land, and language.

God saves through every tribe and nation, every race and culture.

God has made each of us to reflect Jesus Christ – salvation for all humanity.

Salvation belongs to God and God alone. Praise the Lord!

Unison Prayer:

God of vision, you ask us in community to see beauty and possibility in our difference. You invite us to celebrate the many ways so we can see you more fully. Continue to transform our hearts, our minds, and our eyes to witness you in all places. Continue to expand the ways we worship and witness and gather. May this community continue to reflect you better in what we do with our hands, our words, and our hearts. Amen.

Offering Introduction:

We are invited to be a community united -- not united out of sameness but united because we make space to celebrate the difference and diversity held by each of us. Let's give generously today with hearts ready to create that space for difference in community and to extend our community even farther.

Offertory Prayer:

Gracious and holy God, thank you for the unmerited grace you give each of your children. Thank you for the love you give us that knows no bounds. Thank you that nothing we do can separate us from your love. As children of God, who long to serve you, your children, and your creation, we ask that you accept our offering, multiplying it as we use it according to your will here in this place and beyond. May our service to you be far reaching and all-encompassing to all your children now and always. In Jesus' holy name, amen.

Music Suggestions (Traditional):

TFWS #22223 – They'll Know We Are Christians by our Love CLUW #257

TFWS #2224 – Make Us One

UMH #451 – Be Thou My Vision

Nunca desmayes MVPC #260 / God will take care of me UMH #130

Music Suggestions (Contemporary):

From Jerusalem – CCLI #5510595

Make Us One – as recorded by Jesus Culture – CCLI #7091349

Heal Our Land – Oscar Williams and the Band of Life