



Week 1 Worship Resources: Loving Friends

Call to Worship:

God of benevolence, be with us as we seek to love deeply.

We meet you in love.

Jesus, friend of all, lead us into relationships in truth.

We meet you in truth.

Spirit of divine wind, move us to form friendships in hope.

We meet you in hope.

We seek you; we follow you; we are moved by you! Amen.

Unison Prayer:

Jesus, you cast your net of love to all people near and far. Let your divine spirit fill us today as we praise you. Open our hearts and let the loving breath of the spirit guide us to live, grow, and lead as we build our own nets of connection and friendship. We do all of this in your holy name. Amen.

Offering Introduction:

It's no secret that loving often involves giving. In our sermon today we heard about how to love and reach people, and how to build relationships in our communities. We invite you to give today as our ministry seeks to continue loving and reaching people and being a blessing to our community and people around the world. Part of our resources goes toward our global missions that continue to reach new people and offer aid and relief to people near and far.

Offertory Prayer:

Loving God, we seek to honor you in our gifts, our service, our lives, and our love for others. Receive now our tithes and offerings, and may the life we live also be an offering to you. We pray this prayer in the name of the One who gave the greatest gift of all, Jesus our Savior. Amen.

Music Suggestions (Traditional):

UMH #475 – Come Down, O Love Divine

UMH #480 – O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

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

UMH #450 – More Love to Thee

W&S #3107 – Just a Little Talk with Jesus

Music Suggestions (Contemporary):

I Need You To Survive, Hezekiah Walker

W&S #3019 -- Bidden, Unbidden

TFWS #2165 – Cry of My Heart

TFWS #2218- You are Mine

TFWS #2169 – God, How Can We Forgive

TFWS #2171 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

W&S #3128 Whatever You Do



Week 2 Worship Resources: Loving Community

Call to Worship:

We join in fellowship in the name of the resurrected Christ.

Hear our words as we speak boldly of the love of Jesus.

We share our gifts through action and generosity.

Hear our words as we let the grace of God flow through us.

We witness to our community when we serve in mission.

Hear our words as we learn to live out the ministry of Christ. Amen.

Unison Prayer:

God of community and hope, spark our passion. Lead us as we seek to praise, worship, and serve your holy name in spaces near and far. With your guidance, help us to see that through the sharing of our gifts, we are strengthening and building community. We give thanks to you this morning for feeding our hearts and spirits. Amen.

Offering Introduction:

Today we ask the question, "How is God calling us to use our resources to build and serve the greater community?" (Insert here how the church supports, or intends to support, community efforts and missions). So, as we think about how God is calling us to serve with our time and talents, let us now bring our tithes and offerings that we might continue in joining together as a faith community to serve and bless those God has called us to.

Offertory Prayer:

Kind and generous God, we sow these seeds today asking that you would grow and multiply them for us to do greater works in your name. May our neighborhood, our community, our town, and the world around us experience your love and grace through us and through these gifts. In your Son's name we pray. Amen.

Music Suggestions (Traditional):

UMH #557 – Blest Be The Tie That Binds
UMH #545 – The Church's One Foundation
UMH #560 – Help Us Accept Each Other
TFWS #2126 – All Who Hunger
UMH #534 – Be Still My Soul
TFWS #2220 – We Are God's People
TFWS #2236 – Gather Us In
UMH #572 – Pass It On

Music Suggestions (Contemporary):

W&S #3154 – Draw the Circle Wide
W&S #3149 – A Place at the Table
W&S #3152 – Welcome
TFWS #2223 – They'll Know We Are Christians
TFWS #2184 – Sent Out In Jesus' Name



Week 3 Worship Resources: Loving Family

Call to Worship:

God of Mary and Martha, open our eyes to our roles and responsibilities.

Help us to gaze outside the boundaries of the familiar.

Let us join our hearts together in thanks and praise.

We join and lean into divine connection.

Come and open our hearts and minds to divine opportunities.

We come with open hearts and minds.

Unison Prayer:

God of miracles and transformations, come to us now as we seek to move through distractions. Speak your divine love into our hearts. Help us to feel the revelations in your world, and move us to strengthen our bonds with neighbors, community, and families. We pray all of this in the name of the resurrected Savior. Amen.

Offering Introduction:

In most families, each person has a role and responsibility to the family. As the family of God and body of Christ, we likewise share in this. Each of us has gifts and talents, different ways in which we are called to serve; and that is what makes the body of Christ, the church, as unique as it is. God also calls us to give and reminds us in 2 Corinthians 9:6 that "whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of us should give what we have decided in our hearts to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." This means just as each of us has different talents, we are all able to give differently. Whatever your gift is, the Lord says give it generously and cheerfully.

Offertory Prayer:

God it is with grateful hearts that we come thanking you for bringing us into your family through Jesus' gift of love to us. And for that, we owe you everything. So today, God, with love and thanksgiving, we give to you now these offerings that they might be used for the building of your kin[g]dom and spreading the gospel, here and everywhere.

Music Suggestions (Traditional):

W&S #3109 – Living Spirit, Holy Fire

UMH #617 – I Come With Joy

TFWS #2128 – Come and Find the Quiet Center

UMH #349 – Take My Life and Let It Be

Music Suggestions (Contemporary):

TFWS #2153 - I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

TFWS #2202 – Come Away With Me

TFWS #2222 – Servant Song

TFWS #2123 – Loving Spirit



Week 4 Worship Resources: Loving God

Call to Worship:

Come to a deserted place and rest awhile.

We rest in divine guidance.

Come to a deserted place and rest awhile.

We rest in sustaining renewal.

Come to a deserted place and rest awhile.

We rest in redeeming hope.

Unison Prayer:

Loving God, we pray for those who need rest from the insecurities of the world. Help us as we worship and find spaces for guidance, renewal, and hope. We pray that our deserted places become less about feeling alone and isolated, but instead awaken the connection of an all-encompassing divine love and assurance. We pray all of this in your awesome name. Amen.

Offering Introduction:

As we reflect on the amazing love of God, we have many chances to return that love; through volunteering, through devoted prayer and meditation, through serving others, and with our finances. So, let us return that love today and everyday as we try to give back a portion of what God has given to us.

Offertory Prayer:

God, as you so graciously allow us to find refuge in you, we thank you for your consistent and unconditional love for us. And now in gratitude, we return that love to you in one of many ways. We bring to you today our gifts of love and thanksgiving. May these be the first of many seeds we sow into your church and our community. In Christ, amen.

Music Suggestions (Traditional):

UMH #581 – Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

UMH #584 – Lord, You Give the Great Commission

UMH #395 – Take Time to be Holy

UMH #98 - To God be the Glory

UMH #176 - Majesty

UMH #354- I Surrender All

UMH #156- I Love to Tell the Story

UMH #77- How Great Thou Art

UMH #140- Great is Thy Faithfulness

Music Suggestions (Contemporary):

W&S #3122- Christ Has Broken Down the Wall

W&S #3112- Breathe

TFWS #2022-Great is the Lord

W&S #3148 – There's A Spirit of Love Singing