Week 1 Worship Resources: Celebrate Diversity |1 Corinthians 12:12-20

**Call to Worship:**God created each of us as unique individuals.  
**Although we are different, we are all important parts of the body of Christ.**  
God intentionally made us different and unique.  
**Today, let us celebrate the diverse ways God is reflected in each of us!**

**Unison Prayer:**Creator God, you have composed the world of differing elements and celebrated its goodness. Open our hearts and minds to discover the vast diversity of your creation and to find our place of belonging. Open our eyes to see your divine image reflected in the faces around us. Open our spirits to honor and praise you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, amen.

**Offering Introduction:**Today, bring who you are and what you have to God in gratitude. Just as God has graced us with diversity and difference, so too will our offerings back to God be diverse and different. With a spirit of celebration, give of yourself, just as you are, to God and to the community who gathers in Christ’s name.

**Offertory Prayer:**God of creation, we are your body, each of us a different part, functioning together as your presence in the world. Bless our gifts and our differences today. Help us to see how our differences *are* our gifts. And may our offerings serve to draw ever wider the circle of this community. Amen.

**Music Suggestions (Traditional):**  
UMH #666 – Shalom to You

UMH #428 – For the Healing of the Nations

UMH #560 – Help Us Accept Each Other (Note: This can be a difficult tune for congregation to sing. Try singing it to the tune of “Come Thou Fount,” UMH #400)

MVPC #324 – Un pan, un cuerpo – UMH #620 – One Bread, One Body

MVPC #279 - ¡Miren qué bueno!

**Music Suggestions (Contemporary)**:  
Who You Say I Am – CCLI #7102401

Christ Be Magnified – CCLI #7139866

Great Are You Lord – CCLI #6460220

Do Something – CCLI #6439976

All the People Said Amen – CCLI #6518275

**Preaching Resources | Additional Components:**

Week 2 Worship Resources: Celebrate Unity | Ephesians 4:1-16

**Call to Worship:**In Christ, we are one body, one spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism.  
**But we are still individuals, called to different roles in the body of Christ.**  
God calls us to grow together with gentleness, humility, and patience.  
**God calls us to accept one another with love and to live in unity.**

**Unison Prayer:**Eternal God, in whom we live, move, and have our being, inspire us today as we seek to expand our faith and understanding. Help us to achieve inner and outward harmony that we might truly live in the oneness you intend. Teach us kindness, honesty, and humility in our relationships so we may fully express the truth of divine love. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, amen.

**Offering Introduction:**One of the ways the different members of Christ’s body work together in love is by uniting our resources to achieve more together than we could alone. You are invited to give today, trusting that God will knit together our offerings for the sake of God’s divine mission in the world.

**Offertory Prayer:**God, we thank you for creating us different but united. Accept our gifts today as a sign of our common goal to build up the body of Christ and to spread your love to all who need it. Through these gifts, continue to equip your saints for the hard work of ministry. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

**Music Suggestions (Traditional):**  
UMH #57 – O For A Thousand Tongues

W&S - #3149 – A Place at the Table

W&S #3148 – There's A Spirit of Love in This Place

W&S -#3154 – Draw the Circle Wide

UMH #431 – Let There Be Peace on Earth

TFWS #2224 – Make Us One, Lord

MVPC #277 – En santa hermandad

MVPC #294 – Usa mi vida

**Music Suggestions (Contemporary)**:  
Christ Be Magnified – CCLI #7139866

W&S #3001 – O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing – Mark Miller Arrangement

Make Us One – CCLI #7091349

Build Your Kingdom Here – CCLI #6186078

1000 Tongues – CCLI #7065020

**Preaching Resources | Additional Components:**

Week 3 Worship Resources: Celebrate Promise | Romans 4:3, 13-25

**Call to Worship:**God made a promise to Abraham: that he would be the father of many nations and have many descendants.   
**Abraham embraced God’s call for his life, believed the promise, and took courageous action.**   
We have a promise, too: God’s everlasting presence and love, in all things, good and bad.   
**May we have the faith of Abraham; may we, too, embrace our call, believe God’s promise, and act with courage.**

**Unison Prayer:**Faithful and loving God, we long to be in a right relationship with you and with others. Help us experience your presence today in unmistakable ways so there will be no hesitation on our part to respond to your grace. Show us what it means to embrace our faith and believe your promises, that we might be bold and courageous. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, amen.

**Offering Introduction:**God is faithful to God’s promises and calls us to respond in faith and courage. You are invited to give today as an expression of faith and with bold courage that if we respond to God’s call, God will do amazing things in, for, and through us. Give today with the confidence and courage of Abraham!

**Offertory Prayer:**God of all the earth, receive our offerings given to you in faith today. Help us see how you would have us use them to extend your promise of blessing in our community and in our world. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

**Music Suggestions (Traditional):**  
UMH #707 – Hymn of Promise

UMH #140 – Great is Thy Faithfulness

UMH #368 – My Hope Is Built; MVPC #261 – Mi esperanza firma est

UMH #130 – God Will Take Care of You

MVPC #281 – Canto de esperanza

**Music Suggestions (Contemporary)**:  
TFWS #2148 – Over My Head

TFWS #2145 – I've Got Peace Like a River

Won’t Stop Now – CCLI S#7111932

The Way – CCLI #7089024

Faithful Now – CCLI #7137533

Faithfulness – CCLI #7047250

He Is Faithful – CCLI #6087902

**Preaching Resources | Additional Components:**

Week 4 Worship Resources: Celebrate New Life | Mark 5:35-43

**Call to Worship:**Jesus offers restoration to all, transforming us.  
**Jesus gives us new life so that we may grow and thrive.**  
Jesus gives us new life in the here and now.   
**Let us embrace the new life Jesus offers and celebrate the joy of being fully known and fully loved for who we are.**

**Unison Prayer:**Awesome and transformative God, disrupt our daily routines. Break through our barriers and shake us awake to new possibilities. Move us beyond fear to faith. Breathe new life into these old bones that we might come alive for you. Shatter our assumptions and fill us with the joy of abundant life offered to us through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**Offering Introduction:**Giving of our tithes and offerings is one way to celebrate the new life that God has given us and the blessings we have received within it. Give today in a spirit of gratitude and celebration!

**Offertory Prayer:**Living God, use our gifts today to bring new life to our church and our community! Bless the faith by which we see beyond death to the new possibilities that you create and put before us. Help us to keep being faithful and to celebrate new life when we see it. Amen.

**Music Suggestions (Traditional):**  
TFWS #2053 – If It Had Not Been for the Lord

UMH #375 – There Is a Balm in Gilead; MVPC #262 – Blsamo de amor en Galaad

UMH #374 – Standing on the Promises; MVPC#252 – Todas la promesas

UMH #370 – Victory in Jesus

MVPC #290 – Momento nuevo

**Music Suggestions (Contemporary)**:  
Way Maker – CCLI #7115744

Do It Again – CCLI #7067555

Champion – CCLI #7130941

W&S #3036 – There's No On One in This World Like Jesus (Hakuna Wakaita sa Jesu)

**Preaching Resources | Additional Components:**