

QUESTIONS TO GOD

Worship Resources

Ash Wednesday Worship Resources: Living with Questions & Doubts | Isaiah 6:1-8; Matthew 6:1-6

Call to Worship:

We are entering a time for questioning and reflection.

We struggle with our questions and our doubts. May this time be a period of opportunity to ask our questions and lay our doubts to rest.

Unison Prayer:

We have questions, Lord:

questions for you, and questions about you!

Use our questions, please, to bring us closer to you,

for as we open our minds, we open our hearts. Amen.

Music Suggestions (Traditional):

Be Not Afraid (Fr. Dufford)

I Need Thee Every Hour – UMH #397

Change My Heart, O God – TFWS #2152

Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy – UMH #340

Nothing Can Trouble/Nada Te Turbe (Taizé) – TFWS #2054

Take Time to Be Holy – UMH #395

Jesus Es Mi Rey Soberano (O Jesus, My King and My Sovereign) – Chalice Hymnal #109

Pelas Dores Deste Mundo 'O Senhor (For the Troubles and the Sufferings of the World) – Global Songs for Worship #43

Music Suggestions (Contemporary):

Beautiful Things (Gungor) – CCLI #5565521

O Come To The Altar (Brown/Furtick) – CCLI #7051511

You Are My King/Amazing Love (Foote) – CCLI #2456623

Beauty for Ashes (Munns) – CCLI #7029623

Dear God (Asbury) – CCLI #7151052

Breathe – W & S #3112

Falling on My Knees – W & S #3099

Senor, Yo Quiero Entrar (O God, I Want to Enter) – Chalice Hymnal #291

Preaching Resources | Additional Components:

Invitation to Observe Lent

Friends, today we are entering into a centuries-long tradition, a season of spiritual preparation.

What is old, becomes new for us now.



We prepare by looking in at ourselves – what are our questions, doubts, struggles, even sins?
We prepare by looking at our neighbors – how have we hurt them, harmed them, held them at a troubling distance?
We prepare by looking to God – who welcomes our questions, restores our relationships, and renews our humanity.

No one is beyond *needing* God's grace, mercy, and forgiveness. And, praise God, no one and no thing is beyond *receiving* it. God is committed to loving every part of who you are – even the doubting parts, even the parts that are painful for you to face.

So, you get to make the decision today, as millions have made before you. You get to say, “yes” to this gift of Lent. You get to say, “yes” to this gift of a season to get fully in touch with your humanity. You get to explore, dig deep, and ask the hard questions. You get to grapple with God using practices like prayer and meditating on scripture and fasting and keeping silence. You get to choose both if and how you will prepare for the transformation that lies ahead in the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Will you say yes to this invitation?

Note for leader: You may invite people to respond in a number of ways depending on your context. Some options include a verbal yes, in silence, by coming to the altar, by joining in the prayer of confession, or by coming forward for ashes.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we stand before you fearful and lost, doubting how you could possibly receive us into your holy presence, especially when every word on our lips seems to be tainted, even our good deeds filled with mixed intentions. Forgive us, O Lord, when we fail to remember the depth of your mercy and grace. Purify us, so that we might recover the boldness to say, “Here I am; send me!” By your help, may we embark on our Lenten journey with peace and strength. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Let us rejoice in the Lord, in whom we have our eternal hope. For in Jesus Christ, our guilt has departed and our sin is blotted out.

Thanksgiving Over the Ashes

God, you made us – our beating hearts, our questioning minds, our yearning souls. We are dust and we are breath. Remind us of our limits and our potential as we receive these ashes today, so that our seeking may be bounded by your loving intentions. In Jesus’ holy name we pray. Amen.

Imposition of Ashes

The leader, imposing ashes: Remember you are dust, lovingly formed.

The recipient is invited to say: My life is a gift, help me live it.



Week 1 Worship Resources:

Who is God? | 1 John 4:7-19

Call to Worship:

We wonder—who is God?

We wonder—where is God?

We wonder—how do we reach God? How do we learn about God?

We wonder—are the answers in loving?

Unison Prayer:

We seek, we wonder, we ponder the mystery that is you, God.

We would like some clarity to cling to!

But instead of the certainty we seek, your answer is an invitation:
the invitation to love. Amen.

Offering Introduction:

We do not give because we are certain of all the answers. We give because we have known love and we are called to love one another. As surely as the God of love dwells within you, give generously, fearlessly.

Offertory Prayer:

God, thank you for showing us what love is and who love is. As we try to be living testaments to that love, help us use these gifts to spread love's reach. In Jesus' name, amen.

Music Suggestions (Traditional):

Lamb of God – TFWS #2113

How Deep the Father's Love For Us – UMH #359

Oh How He Loves You and Me – TFWS #2108

Where Charity and Love Prevail – UMH #549

Your Love, O God, Has Called Us Here – UMH #647

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling – UMH #384

사랑의 주 예수 (Loving Lord Jesus) – Come, Let Us Worship Hymnal #164

Music Suggestions (Contemporary):

In Christ Alone (Townend) – CCLI #3350395

예수 안에 (In Christ Alone) – CCLI #1459484

Draw Me Close to You (Carpenter) – CCLI #1459484

Shout to the North – W & S 3042

God So Loved (Cash) – CCLI #7138599

How He Loves (McMillan) – CCLI #5032549

I Could Sing of Your Love Forever (Smith) – CCLI #1043199

Reckless Love (Asbury) – CCLI #7089641



Preaching Resources | Additional Components:

Prayer of Confession

Compassionate God, in your unfailing love, you sent us your Son as the savior of the world so that we might live through him. And you have invited us to love one another as you first loved us. We confess that we have failed to accept your invitation. Too often, our fears over our personal safety, financial security, and social status prevent us from truly loving those around us. Forgive us, O Lord, for our meekness. Give us the boldness to receive and abide in your perfect love which casts out our fears. By your strength, may we embody your loving presence out in the world. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Beloved, God is love. And God's love abides in all who confess Jesus is the Son of God. So let us be bold in the Lord by trusting and believing in the great love that God has for us all.



Week 2 Worship Resources:

Is the Bible

Reliable? | Hebrews 4:12-14

Call to Worship:

God's Word is the Bible.

When we doubt, we can turn to God's word.

When fears take hold of us, we can turn to God's Word.

In times of joy, we turn to God's Word.

Jesus is God's Word manifested in the flesh.

Thanks be to God for the saving Word!

Unison Prayer:

The Words and The Word—

How might we read your precious book we call the Bible?

As a roadmap, a manual, a trail of breadcrumbs?

As a love letter, a symphony, an invitation to a dance?

As we open the book, just what awaits us? Amen.

Offering Introduction:

The Bible talks a lot about how we use our money, our time, our energy. Jesus, the Word made flesh, is clear: "No one can serve two masters. You cannot serve God and wealth." You are invited to give as you are able today, not from a place of fear or shame, but from a desire to serve God with all that you are and all that you have.

Offertory Prayer:

Lord of all that is, thank you for your Word – your words in Scripture and the living Word, Jesus. Keep us accountable to your Word, that our offerings might be a blessing to the world he came to save. Amen.

Music Suggestions (Traditional):

Wonderful Words – UMH #600

Jesus Loves Me – UMH #191

Thy Word – UMH #601

Tell Me the Stories of Jesus – UMH #277

Lead Me, Lord – UMH #473

The B-I-B-L-E (Children's song – for instance: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wg582srC7cg>)

Mikotoba o kudasai (Make a Gift of Your Holy Word) – Chalice Hymnal #317

Far Beyond Our Mind's Grasp – Global Songs for Worship #52

Music Suggestions (Contemporary):

Hope of the Ages (Carnes) – CCLI #7179458

Ancient Words (DeShazo) – CCLI #2986399

Good Good Father (Brown) – CCLI #7036612

Word of God Speak (Millard) – CCLI #3912788

If You Believe and I Believe – W & S #3121

Su Palabra (Thy Word) – CCLI #14301



Preaching Resources | Additional Components:

Prayer of Confession:

God of Light, we appear naked before you, the secret intentions of our hearts laid bare for you to see. We confess that instead of allowing your Word to actively shape and transform our lives, we manipulate it to suit our own personal agendas. Convict our hearts of our sins, which are rooted in our desire to be masters of our own universe, ruling over others, and possessing all things. Forgive us of our wayward actions and attitudes, O Lord. Free us from our double-mindedness and our efforts to remain in control, so that your holy Word can lead us into life as true disciples of Christ. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Sisters, brothers, siblings, hear the Good News! In Jesus, we have a great high priest who knows our weaknesses. It is in his righteousness we boldly stand before the throne of God. May we receive his healing mercy and grace.



Week 3 Preaching Resources:

Why Should I Go to Church? | Psalm 100

Call to Worship:

We wonder if it is important to come to church.

We come to be in God's holy presence.

We wonder if worshiping with others matters. We want to know.

Let us join together with praise on our lips and joy in our hearts!

Unison Prayer:

God of community,
challenge us, surprise us, stretch us as we come together to worship you.
May we find that within our shared stories, Your Story is revealed. Amen.

Offering Introduction:

Just as we can worship and experience God more deeply together than we can alone, so can our combined gifts make a greater impact in and for God's world. So, give today as an act of praise – joyfully, gladly!

Offertory Prayer:

Lord, you are good. Your steadfast love endures forever. Your faithfulness endures to all generations. We release our gifts to you today, trusting in your good, steadfast, and faithful love. Thanks for letting us be your church. Help us to keep being your church, the body of Christ in this world, for generations to come. Amen.

Music Suggestions (Traditional):

We Are the Church – UMH #558

The Church's One Foundation – UMH #546

Forward Through the Ages – UMH #555

Blest Be the Tie That Binds – UMH #557

Bind Us Together – TFWS #2226

We Are God's People – TFWS #2220

Es Cristo de su Iglesia– Mil Voces Para Celebrar Hymnal #269

Mil Voces Para Celebrar (Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing) – Mil Voces Para Celebrar Hymnal #1

Bersatu teguh (The Church That Is One) – Global Songs for Worship #38

Music Suggestions (Contemporary):

O Church Arise (Tomlin/Getty) – CCLI #7065980

Come People of the Risen King (Getty) – CCLI #5232617

Make Us One (Quilala) – CCLI #7091349

Build Your Church (Eugene) – CCLI #7171908

Let the Church Say Amen (Crouch) – CCLI #6119344

The Church (Fellowship Creative) – CCLI #7192527



Preaching Resources | Additional Components:

Prayer of Confession:

Creator God, we know that we are to enter your gates with thanksgiving, joining with all the earth in shouting for joy and worshiping you with gladness. Yet, we confess that too often we forget it is you who brought us into life and you who continue to sustain us with your goodness. Thinking that we have made it all on our own, we stand alone, above and apart from those with whom you call us into community. Forgive us for our foolishness, O Lord. Remind us that we are to be found praising you together with our sisters and brothers as sheep of your pasture. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Know that the Lord we serve is a good and gracious God. No matter how far we wander, we will always be God's people, sheep of God's pasture. Let us give thanks for God's steadfast love and faithfulness, which endures forever!



Week 4 Worship Resources:

Why Do Bad Things Happen to Good People? | Psalm 137:1-6 (secondary: John 11:23-25)

Call to Worship:

We wonder why things happen the way they do.

We come looking for answers and deeper understanding.

Illuminate us, Lord. Teach us.

Be near to us God--comfort us, love us.

Unison Prayer:

Why, Lord?

Is there a pattern, a plan, a purpose to the pain of the world?

While our minds seek answers, our hearts seek comfort.

Gentle God, we are hurting; hold us close. Amen.

Offering Introduction:

Today we have been reminded that our relationship with God is not transactional. Even when we do all the good we can, bad things can and do happen. So, we are not asked to give today as a way of bargaining with God or buying blessings. We are asked to give as a way for us to participate in God's compassion for the world. May our gifts meet those who are hurting with a sign of holy help.

Offertory Prayer:

God who weeps with us, receive our gifts today. Bless them and bless us to go deep into the wounds of your hurting world without judgment and without explanation. Bless us to go into your world with compassion, carrying each other's crosses until the sun rises, bringing us the warmth of new life and light once again.

Music Suggestions (Traditional):

It Is Well – UMH #377

그것은 잘 (It Is Well) – Come, Let Us Worship Hymnal #304

O Sacred Head – UMH #286

Lamb of God – TFWS #2113

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross – UMH #298/299

Alas and Did My Savior Bleed – UMH #359

His Eye is On the Sparrow – TFWS #2146

Dios de las aves (God of the Sparrow) – Mil Voces Para Celebrar Hymnal #37

Music Suggestions (Contemporary):

Son of Suffering (Redman) – CCLI #7179241

Man of Sorrows (Schulte) – CCLI #7097388

Lord From Sorrows Deep I Call (Boswell) – CCLI #7127376

It Is Well With My Soul (Fielding) – CCLI #5875665

I Need Thee, Hear My Cry (Billingsly) – CCLI #5496082

Tú Fidelidad (I Depend Upon Your Faithfulness) – Global Songs for Worship #47



Preaching Resources | Additional Components:

Prayer of Confession:

Merciful God, we confess that there are moments in our lives when, like those in exile, we cannot bear to lift up songs of praise. In our times of pain and suffering, unable to see anything but darkness, all we can do is weep. Forgive us, O Lord, when we fail to sense your comforting presence. Help us to remember that we are to know you as Emmanuel, God with us, for you share in our weeping and light the way to new life, even as we walk in the shadow of death. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Do not be afraid, says the Lord. For God's light shines forth no matter how deep the depths of our darkness. Take heart, for wherever you are, Christ is with you! Amen.



Week 5 Worship Resources:

How and Why Do I Forgive? | Matthew 6:9-15

Call to Worship:

God tells us to forgive others.

We wonder—why should we? Forgiveness is hard to extend when we are hurting.

Teach us, O God, how to forgive and to trust again.

May we be open to the lessons of giving and receiving forgiveness.

Unison Prayer:

Lord, things are broken. Again.

The remnants of shattered trust and fractured hope lie in our path.

Bring us to the place of forgiveness, your great mystery of healing.

Give us back our lives, we pray. Amen.

Offering Introduction:

If you have ever been healed by forgiveness, may your gift today be a sign of your gratitude. If you have ever found healing by forgiving another, may your gift today be a sign of your thanks. If you are in need of forgiveness today, may your gift serve as a prayer, asking for it. If, today, you need to do some forgiving, may your gift be a symbol of your desire to let go.

Offertory Prayer:

Lord, in the prayer you taught us, we ask for forgiveness, and we also pledge to forgive. We ask for your will to be done here on earth, in our lives and in us. May our gifts today also be our pledge to do your will with all that we have and are. In Jesus' holy name we pray. Amen.

Music Suggestions (Traditional):

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing – UMH #400

Grace Greater Than Our Sin – UMH #365

Nothing but the Blood – UMH #362

Freely, Freely – UMH #389

Wei yuan Shen di ai (May the Love of the Lord) – Global Songs for Worship #56

En Santa Hermandad (United by God's Love) – Chalice Hymnal #392

Music Suggestions (Contemporary):

O Come To the Altar (Brown) – CCLI #7051511

Jesus Paid it All – W & S #3100

Forgiveness (West) – CCLI #6423944

Made to Worship (Tomlin) – CCLI #4794118

Forgiven (Crowder) – CCLI #7068806

Draw the Circle Wide – W & S #3154

Perdón (Forgiveness)– CCLI #6423944



Preaching Resources | Additional Components:

Prayer of Confession:

Almighty (Father) God, we know that you first model for us everything you seek to lead us into. Even the model of prayer, which your son Jesus Christ taught to his disciples, is something he demonstrates for us. Forgive us for not following the example he sets, for we confess that we do not always seek your will to be done in our lives. Instead of graciously receiving our daily bread from you, we take more than we need at the expense of our neighbors. And we do not freely pass on the gift of forgiveness, holding onto our anger and bitterness. Free us from our prisons of hate, O Lord. Help us to truly be Jesus' disciples, learning his way of peace and reconciliation which leads us into life. In his name, we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Just as we are taught to pray for our daily bread, God's offer of forgiveness is a gift that is available to us every day and each moment. May we receive this gracious gift that is extended to us through Jesus Christ, so that we may share it freely with the world. Amen.



Week 6 (Palm/Passion Sunday) Worship

Resources:

Why is Jesus Special? | Mark 11:1-11

Call to Worship:

The people considered Jesus a special person.

We wonder—why?

The people shouted hosanna in praise of Jesus.

We want to join in the chorus of hosannas. Tell us why we should shout Hosanna.

Unison Prayer:

In a world of might and control,
you speak of children and mustard seeds,
vulnerability and risk.

Don't you know just where this could lead us?

Don't you know where this will lead you? Amen.

Offering Introduction:

Where Pilate led with power, wealth, and force, Jesus led with humility, service, and spirit. You are invited to give your offering today (of time, talent, or treasure), not to build up a powerful wealthy institution, but to be used in the service of God for the people Jesus came to save. And we know that Jesus always prioritizes the most vulnerable, marginalized, and oppressed.

Offertory Prayer:

King of our hearts, show us how to use our resources in a way that is pleasing to you and that carries on your mission of love and service in the world. Keep us from chasing prestige and power. Help us to live like you did – in a way that speaks truth to power. May you be what is special about us. Amen.

Music Suggestions (Traditional):

All Glory, Laud and Honor – UMH #280

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna – UMH #278

호산나 호산나 (Hosanna, Loud hosanna) – Come, Let Us Worship Hymnal #141

The King of Love My Shepherd Is/ Mantos Y Palmas – UMH #279

Lift Up Your Heads Ye Mighty Gates – UMH #213

Majestad! (Majesty) – Chalice Hymnal #171

Music Suggestions (Contemporary):

Blessed Be Your Name (Redman) – CCLI #3798438

Hosanna (Ligertwood) – CCLI #4785835

Not For a Moment (Andrews) – CCLI #6350268

Praise Him – W & S #3041

Jesus the Saving Name – W & S #3039

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



Preaching Resources | Additional Components:

Prayer of Confession:

Lord, as our Lenten journey draws to a close, we confess that so much of our lives are still rooted in the ways of the world. We are quick to be seduced by power, clamoring for an earthly king who can elevate us to a triumphal position of privilege and status over others. Forgive us when we join the fickle crowd who only sing your praises when you meet their selfish expectations. Give us the courage to continue walking with you, boldly shouting “Hosanna” even as the path leads us to the cross. For it is in sharing your suffering and death that we will be raised with you in glory at Easter. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Though we may scatter in confusion and fear, we are still counted as sheep of his flock. And our God still loves us and redeems us through Jesus Christ. Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!



Maundy Thursday Worship Resources:

Are You Scared of the Future? | John 13:1-7; 31b-35

Call to Worship:

Jesus knelt to wash the feet of his disciples.

They wondered why.

We wonder, too.

Understanding why will come later. Now we wait for illumination.

Unison Prayer:

Lord Jesus, you have been talking about your kingdom and we have a few questions.

Where will we stand in it? We would like a few guarantees.

And while we are at it, would you please get up off of your knees?

Amen.

Music Suggestions (Traditional):

Are Ye Able – UMH #530

We'll Understand it Better – UMH #525

Beneath the Cross of Jesus – UMH #297

Go to Dark Gethsemane – UMH #290

갯세마네동산의구세주 (Go to Dark Gethsemane) – Come, Let Us Worship Hymnal #187

거룩한사랑의주님 (O Love Divine, What Hast Thou Done) – Come, Let Us Worship Hymnal #185

Ishworo (Father in Heaven, Have Mercy) – Global Songs for Worship Hymnal #20

Music Suggestions (Contemporary):

Waymaker (Kalu) – CCLI #7115744

Goodness of God (Johnson) – CCLI #7117726

We Fall Down (Tomlin) – CCLI #32437367

He Knows My Name (Walker) – CCLI #2151368

Fear is Not My Future (Lake) – CCLI #7198123

Preaching Resources | Additional Components:

Prayer of Confession:

Jesus, we admit to you that the future sometimes scares us. We confess that we do not always deal with our fears well. Sometimes we cling to what is certain and familiar, even if it harmful or unhealthy. We try to secure our own place, even if it means stepping on others. Sometimes we remain closed in on ourselves, unwilling to follow where you are leading. Forgive us. Open us back up to you and to each other. Renew our hearts and minds, so we can face the future with a loving and gentle spirit. In your name we pray, amen.

Words of Assurance

The same Jesus who washed his disciples' feet, kneels before us. We might feel confused or unworthy. But he wants to cleanse us too. May his holy love wash over us afresh this day.



Good Friday Worship Resources:

Why Did Jesus

Have to Die? | Colossians 2:13-14

Call to Worship:

We wonder, we question--

Why was Jesus sacrificed?

We wonder what this means for us.

We wait for answers.

Unison Prayer:

Savior, our heads are bowed, our spirits are broken.

The light in your eyes, the light of our lives, is gone.

But wait: what is it that peeking out from the shadows?

Could it be... love? Amen.

Music Suggestions (Traditional):

Were You There – UMH #288

O Sacred Head – UMH #286

And Can it Be – UMH #363

The Old Rugged Cross – UMH #504

Ah Holy Jesus – UMH #289

Via Dolorosa – CCLI #12853

Jesu, Jesu (Jesus, Jesus) – Chalice Hymnal #600

다 이루었다 ('Tis Finished! The Messiah Dies) – Come, Let Us Worship Hymnal #182

Soorp Astvatz (Holy God) – Global Songs for Worship Hymnal #19

Music Suggestions (Contemporary):

What a Beautiful Name (Ligertwood) – CCLI #7068424

Man of Sorrows (Ligertwood) – CCLCI #6476063

At the Cross/Love Ran Red (Tomlin) – CCLI #7017786

Death Be Not Proud (Assad) – CCLI #7034928

Power of the Cross (Getty) – CCLI #4490766



Week 7 (Easter Sunday) Worship Resources:

Why Be A Christian? | Mark 16:1-8
(Secondary: Galatians 5:22-26)

Call to Worship:

We wonder with Mary and the other women—where is Jesus?

We are told Jesus has conquered death and is no longer in a tomb.

We wonder—should we tell the news of a risen Christ?

Yes! Joyfully share the good news! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

Unison Prayer:

Whether in a whisper, in a question, in a song, in a sigh,
we will tell your Story, for it is our story now.

Christ is risen! Amen!

Offering Introduction:

Jesus - alive from the dead - transforms us! As we are open to this transformation, we become people who are more loving, joyful, patient, peaceful, patient, kind, generous, faithful, gentle, and self-controlled. May your giving today reflect this transformation! Give as you are able, as people ready and on their way to God-given transformation.

Offertory Prayer:

Risen Lord, thank you for taking our fears and transforming them into wonder! Bless our gifts today to transform the world for your sake and in your name. Make us bold to declare that new life is available to all. Amen!

Music Suggestions (Traditional):

He Arose – UMH #322

무덤에 머물러 (Low in the Grave He Lay) – Come, Let Us Worship Hymnal #192

Crown Him With Many Crowns – UMH #327

He Lives – UMH #310

Christ the Lord is Risen Today – UMH #302

Fairest Lord Jesus – UMH #189

Blessed Assurance – UMH #369

Mfurahini, halleluya (Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia) – Global Songs for Worship #30

Vive el Señor! (Because He Lives) – Mil Voces Para Celebrar Hymnal #154

Music Suggestions (Contemporary):

Forever (Jobe) – CCLI #7001228

Forever (Tomlin) – CCLI #3148428

Revelation Song (Riddle) – CCLI #4447960

Cornerstone – CCLI #6158927

Glorious Day (Hall) – CCLI #5638022

Above All (Baloche) – CCLI #2672885



Hallelujah What a Savior (Bliss) – CCLI #29530

House of the Lord (Wickham) – CCLI #7168995

Preaching Resources | Additional Components:

Prayer of Confession:

Living God, thank you for the ultimate gift of resurrection – yours and ours – that we celebrate with joy this day. Thank you for the path of transformation you have created for us. We admit that we so need this transformation. So, we bring all of our brokenness to you today, all the ways we have turned away from you and our neighbors. We put it all to rest in the tomb with the great hope and assurance that when the stone is rolled away, it will be there no longer. Instead, we will find ourselves, risen with you and renewed by your Spirit. Make us bold to share your Good News with those we encounter. Amen!

Words of Assurance:

He arose! He arose! Hallelujah, Christ arose! And with him, the promise that you will be raised to new life – forgiven and free! Thanks be to God.

