LITURGICAL RESOURCES

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The full worship resource includes:

* Title Suggestions for Worship Services
* Liturgical Resources
* Sermon Starters
* Questions for Further Reflection
* Invite and Empower Witnesses

# Suggestions for Using the Liturgical Resources

Included in the resources are suggested litanies and prayers for use in worship. If you are presenting the material over several weeks, you could create continuity from week to week by inviting the congregation to engage in the same Call to Worship and Benediction each week during the series. If you are celebrating Holy Communion be sure to check out the adaption of The Great Thanksgiving included in this resource! If you use bulletins in your congregation, consider using the poem to create your own original cover art for use during the series.

Key:

* Spoken by one
* **Spoken by all**
* [Action directions]

# Liturgical Resources

## Call to Worship

Faithful One, calling in the night

**Speak, we’re listening**

Still Small Voice, calling in the silence

**Speak, we’re listening**

*Moment of silence*

## Opening Prayer

Praise the One, True Living God

Liberating Flame, burning away our chains

Empowering Flame, burning away our excuses

Praise the Great I AM

Forever and for always bringing

answers out of questions

preparation out of hesitation

yes out of no

Praise our Deliverer,

Who saves and summons

Calling us to new life

Calling us to new life

## Congregational Litany

[One or all singing]

*Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore* (United Methodist Hymnal #344, verse 1)

[Instrumental music continues during the readings and prayer]

When Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." (Matthew 9:36-38)

**I heard the voice of the Lord saying,**

**"Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"**

**And I said, "Here am I; send me!"** (Isaiah 6:8)

[All singing]

*Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore* (United Methodist Hymnal #344, verse 2, 3)

Jesus said, “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth” (Acts 1:8)

**Holy Spirit, you opened my ears to hear Jesus calling me to serve**

**You opened my step to the path now set before me**

**Continue to open me**

**Open my mind to the changes I must make**

**Open my arms to the new life I will embrace**

**Open my hands to those I will partner with in service**

**Open my eyes to the resources, answers and grace you will provide**

**Open my mouth with your love, truth and wisdom**

**Open my heart and fill it again and again with the courage to follow faithfully**

[All singing]

*Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore* (United Methodist Hymnal #344, verse 4)

## Adaptation of the Great Thanksgiving Prayer

Blessed God

One, yet Three

Eternally loving, creating, calling

**We lift up our hearts to You!**

You call the wonder of creation into being
You fill the world with light and life

**Glory to God! Make us your light!**

**Glory to God! Raise us to life!**

When the fullness of time had come
You called our sister Mary

to nurture and nourish your Word Made Flesh

You called our brother John

to make way for your Glorious Good News

**Open our ears and hearts to Your call**

When the fullness of time had come

Your Son, our Savior,

Called one and all to

“Come and see”

“Come and follow”

**Lamb of God, I come, I come**

When the fullness of time had come

Jesus called his followers to table

“Come, take, eat and drink”

Giving thanks, breaking bread, raising cup
Body and Blood

Pardon and Provision

Grace upon grace

**We bow in remembrance**

**We stand in awe**

**Forgive us and empower us**

**so we may lead lives worthy of Your calling**

Come Holy Spirit,
Abide with us and in us
and on these gifts of bread and wine
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ
that we may carry Your welcome to all people
and be useful to You in Your saving work

**Holy One- Father, Son, Spirit
Your Kingdom come, Your will be done
All to the glory and honor of Your Name. Amen**

## Benediction

May the call of Jesus, be ever in your ears

The hope of Jesus, ever on your lips

The peace of Jesus, ever in your touch

The strength of Jesus, ever in your step

Amen

## Poem

*Community*

by Lisa Degrenia

God lives in community

One and yet Three

Loving, creating, eternally

We’re called to community

One, yet Many

Loving, creating, one family

All praise to the Trinity

The One who is Three

Who came as a baby

To calm our rough sea

Who died on a lonely tree

And rose on day three

Loving, creating, our victory

God lives in community

With all who believe

Loving, creating,

What we’re to be

We’re called to community

For now we can see

That loving, creating,

Makes us all free