

2006 Access Sunday Worship Resources

Call to Worship

One: Gather around, people of God,

All: Members of God's household,

One: Welcome all who are members of this body—

All: Of all nationalities, and races,

One: With our abilities and limitations,

All: Women and men,

One: Rich and poor—

All: Are members of God's household,

One: Drinking from the one Spirit.

All: Come, let us worship our God.

Confession

God of Creation, with your hands you made each of us to praise your name. This is our great joy and glad duty. But we have erred in not welcoming or accepting all who are called to be part of this chorus of praise. Time and again, we have persuaded ourselves to keep away others who are not like us. We too easily focus on what others cannot do rather than understanding whose we are. Christ, you have sent us many people to be part of your household, but we have simply given people labels to wear, and shunned those who are members of your body. Forgive us, Holy Spirit, and remind us that the chorus of praise is incomplete unless all are given room and place to express our gratitude. We pray this in the name of the Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit.

Assurance of Pardon

Christ, you are the living Word of God, a Word of forgiveness, a Word of assurance, and a Word of grace. We are all loved and accepted because of you, our Savior, and nothing can separate us from your love. For this, we give you thanks! Amen

Children's Moment

***See "A Moment with Children" by Rev. Bruce Tjaden, included separately with these materials.*

A Prayer of Vision for Community

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Suggested Music

From *The Presbyterian Hymnal*

Hymn #434 “Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”

From *Sing the Faith*

Hymn #2171 “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

Hymn # 2155 “Blest Are They”

From *A Singling Faith*

Hymn #66 “Sing to our God a Song of Cheer”

***See words by Jane Parker Huber that appear separately with these materials.*

Litany of Thanksgiving

Based on I Corinthians 12:4-13

***See Litany included separately with these materials.*

Sermon

***See “The Household of God: Practicing God’s Economy” by Kate Wolfe-Jenson included separately with these materials.*

Prayers of the Community

God of glory, we praise you for your presence in our lives, and for all goodness that you shower upon your children in Jesus Christ. Especially we thank you for:

Promises kept and hope for tomorrow...

The enjoyment of friends...

The wonders of your creation...

Love from our parents, our sisters and brothers, our significant others and children...

Pleasures of living...

God of grace, we are one with all your children, for we are sisters and brothers of Jesus Christ, and we offer our prayers for all whom we love. Especially we pray for:

Those we too often forget...

People who have lost hope...

Victims of tragedy and disaster...

Those who suffer mental anguish...

Those who are in solidarity with those on the outside of our churches.

Book of Common Worship, Louisville: Westminster/John Knox Press, 1993, p. 520

Moment of Mission

***See “Pennsylvania Church Discovers Mission at Home” included separately in these materials.*