

FRIDAY GATHERING

CELEBRATION OF SONG FOR THE CHURCH YEAR
with Pop Up Readers

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[To stir things up, anyone who desires stands and reads scripture; scripture is paraphrased as noted; people stand or sit as they choose during the songs.]

GATHERING & WELCOME

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

"Majesty, Worship His Majesty" UMH 176

GREETING

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy!

Let all the people praise you, O God!

The Earth has brought forth its blessings!

All honor and glory be to you, O God!



PRAYER

Almighty God, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to all people and nations; Give us courage to follow our living Lord, that we may hear your word, follow your teachings, and live in your Spirit; and hasten the day when every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. Amen.

HYMN FOR ILLUMINATION

"Open Our Eyes"

TFWS 2086

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

ADVENT

SCRIPTURE LESSON [Luke 1:46-49]

And Mary said: My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for God has done great things for me and holy is the name of the Lord.. What God has done for me will never be forgotten.

HYMN

"The King of Glory Comes"

TFWS 2091

CHRISTMAS

SCRIPTURE LESSON [John 1:1-5]

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The living Word was with God in the beginning through which all things were made and without which nothing could be made. In the Word was life, the light of the world. The light shines even in darkness, and will shine forever.

HYMN

"There's a Song in the Air"

UMH 249 (v 1 & 4)

EPIPHANY

SCRIPTURE LESSON [Isaiah 60:1-3]

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.
See, darkness covers the earth and all the people,
but the Lord rises upon you and glory shines over you.

HYMN**"We Three Kings"****UMH 254 (v 1 & 2)****LENT****SCRIPTURE LESSON [Mark 8:31-33]**

He began to teach that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

HYMN**"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"****UMH 298 (v 4)****OUR CONCERNS AND PRAYERS****THE LORD'S PRAYER****Doxology****"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow" UMH 94****HOLY WEEK****SCRIPTURE LESSON [Hebrews 10:16-17]**

"This is the covenant I will make with them after that time," says the Lord.

"I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds.

Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more."

HYMN**"O How He Loves You and Me"****TFWS 2108 (v 1)****EASTER****SCRIPTURE LESSON [Acts 10:34-37]**

Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?"

HYMN**"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"****TFWS 2129**

PENTECOST

SCRIPTURE LESSON [Acts 2:1-4]

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

HYMN

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

UMH 420

CHRIST THE KING

SCRIPTURE LESSON [Revelation 1:7-8]

Look, he is coming in the clouds, and everyone will see him and mourn because of him. So shall it be! Amen.

HYMN

"Soon and Very Soon"

UMH 706 (v 1 & 3)

SENDING FORTH [Revelation 1:8]

I am the Alpha and the Omega, says the Lord God, who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

HYMN OF DISMISSAL "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" UMH 117 (v 1, 3, 4, 6)



SATURDAY MORNING PRAYERS
AN ORDER FOR MORNING PRAISE AND PRAYER (from UMH 872)

CALL TO PRAISE & PRAYER

O Lord, open our lips.

And we shall declare your praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

New every morning is your love, great God of light,

And all day long you are working for good in the world.

Stir up in us desire to serve you, to live peacefully with our neighbors,

And to devote each day to your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord.

Amen.

MORNING HYMN “Morning Has Broken”

UMH 145

PSALM 150 (CJB)

Halleluyah! Praise Yahweh!

Praise God in the sanctuary!

Praise God in the sky above!

Praise God in the highest!

Praise God for life and breath!

Praise God with the blast of the ram’s horn!

Praise God with lute and lyre!

Praise God with drum and dance!

Praise God with strings and pipe!

Praise God with loud cymbals!

Praise God with clashing cymbals!

Let every living thing praise the Lord!

Halleluyah! Praise Yahweh!

SONG OF PRAISE “Blessed Be the Name”

UMH 63

BLESSING (in unison while looking at each other)

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,

And the love of God,

And the communion of the Holy Spirit

Be with us all.

Amen.

SATURDAY CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST

Contemporary Service of Holy Communion (umcdiscipleship.com)

This ritual presupposes that the Service of the Word (Entrance, Proclamation and Response, and Prayers) have preceded the Invitation to the Lord's Table.

*(*Note: if there are no children present, whoever is able to act as a child should respond; Musical Settings may be used from UMH p 19-20)*

GATHERING & WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: As the deer longs for water, we long for God.

***Children: Without God we're so blue we don't know what to do.**

All: When can we go and meet with God?

Leader: Why are you so sad? Put your hope in God!

***Children: When is a good time to do that?**

All: Today! We will praise God, who is our life and our salvation.

PRAYER

**Most wonderful God, although the universe cannot contain your glory,
you come to us not as a stranger but as a friend.**

**Speak each of our names today, that we may be called away from the noise of
the world that threatens to silence us.**

**Name each of us, so that we may truly know ourselves as your beloved child.
Amen!**

HYMN

“SANCTUARY”

TFWS 2164

SCRIPTURE

PSALM 42:1-6

Just as a deer longs for running streams, God, I long for you.

**I am thirsty for God, for the living God! When can I come and appear before
God?**

My tears are my food, day and night,
while all day people ask me, “Where is your God?”

**I recall, as my feelings well up within me, how I'd go with the crowd to the
house of God, with sounds of joy and praise from the festival.**

My soul, why are you so downcast? Why are you so upset?

Hope in God! I will give thanks for the saving presence of my God.

CHOIR ANTHEM

“We Are Singing”

by Hal H. Hopson

(Based on TFWS 2235)

The Contemporary Service of Holy Communion is available at

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/contemporary-service-of-holy-communion>

“OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN”

TFWS 2278

(a line is sung by Leader and repeated by All)

SENDING FORTH



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