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#### CALL TO WORSHIP - Psalm 100

**Leader:** Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

**People:** Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

Leader: Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his;

**People:** We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

**Leader:** Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!

**All:** For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

## "We Will Feast In The House Of Zion"

by Sandra McCracken

We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things we will say together
We will feast and weep no more

We will not be burned by the fire
He is the Lord our God
We are not consumed by the flood
Upheld protected gathered up

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In the dark of night before the dawn
My soul be not afraid
For the promised morning oh how long
Oh God of Jacob be my strength

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Every vow we've broken and betrayed
You are the faithful one
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together, bring shalom

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## "Your Labor Is Not In Vain"

by Paul Zach, Wendell Kimbrough, and Isaac Wardell Your labor is not in vain
Though the ground underneath you
Is cursed and stained
Your planting and reaping are never the same
Your labor is not in vain

Your labor is not unknown
Though the rocks they cry out
And the sea it may groan
The place of your toil may not seem like a home
But your labor is not unknown

I am with you, I am with you I am with you, I am with you For I have called you Called you by name Your labor is not in vain

The vineyards you plant will bear fruit
The fields will sing out and rejoice with the truth
For all that is old will at last be made new
The vineyards you plant will bear fruit

I am with you, I am with you I am with you, I am with you For I have called you Called you by name Your labor is not in vain

The houses you labored to build
Will finally with laughter and joy be filled
The serpent that hurts
and destroys will be killed
And all that is broken be healed

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#### PRAYER OF ADORATION

#### FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 12:1-11

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

### CONFESSION OF SIN

My heart is proud: I'm absorbed in myself; and my eyes are haughty: I look down on other people; and I chase after things too great and too difficult for me.

So I'm noisy and restless inside, like a hungry infant fussing on his mother's lap, like a hungry infant, I'm restless with my demands and worries. I scatter my hopes onto anything and everybody all the time.

## [pause for silent confession]

Lord have mercy, in Jesus's name. Amen.

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Minister: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: The maker of heaven and earth!

Minister: O Lord, open our lips,

**People:** And our mouths will declare Your praise!

#### DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

## "Come, Thou Fount"

Words: Robert Robinson

Music: Asahel Nettleton

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace; Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above; Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, Mount of thy redeeming love. Here I raise mine Ebenezer;
Hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wandering from the fold of God: He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let thy grace, Lord like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee.

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

#### GREETING

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

**Leader:** Let us share His peace with one another.

Children may leave for lesson (ages 4-6).

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

As the leader directs, the congregation is invited to pray for those for whom they are burdened.

Pray aloud and by name or silently if you prefer.

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

#### SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

### Psalm 126

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

## "Psalm 126"

by Isaac Wardell

Our mouths they were filled, filled with laughter Our tongues they were loosed, loosed with joy Restore us, O Lord Restore us, O Lord

Although we are weeping
Lord help us keep sowing
The seeds of Your kingdom
For the day You will reap them

Your sheaves we will carry
Lord please do not tarry
All those who sow weeping
Will go out with songs of joy

The nations will say He has done great things The nations will sing songs of joy Restore us, O Lord Restore us, O Lord

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## CELEBRATING COMMUNION

Minister: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you!

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Wine is in the outer circles of cups; the inner circle contains grape juice. Gluten-free bread is in its own tray.

As the usher directs, please come forward one row at a time to pick up your cups.

Please hold your elements until all are served so that we may all partake together, as one body.

## "Are You Weary, Are You Languid"

by John Mason Neale

Are you weary, are you languid, are you sore distressed?
"Come to me," says One, "and, coming, be at rest."

Has he marks to lead me to him, if he be my Guide?
"In his feet and hands are wound-prints, and his side."

Finding, foll'wing, keeping, struggling, is he sure to bless?
"Saints, apostles, prophets, martyrs answer yes."

Is there diadem, as Monarch, that his brow adorns?
"Yes, a crown, in very surety, but of thorns."

If I find him, if I follow,
what his promise here?
"Many a sorrow, many a labor,
many a tear."

Finding, foll'wing, keeping, struggling, is he sure to bless?
"Saints, apostles, prophets, martyrs answer yes."

If I ask him to receive me, will he say me nay?
"Not till earth and not till heaven pass away."

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"Saints, apostles, prophets, martyrs answer yes."

## CELEBRATING COMMUNION

### THE SENDING - 1 Corinthians 15:57-58

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ! Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord, your labor is not in vain. Amen

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