



Presbytery of St. Andrew
UKirk Sunday 2019

Worship Resources

Feel free to adapt these offerings to best fit your congregation's needs. They're written with campus ministry in mind, so could be used with a variety of Scripture texts.

Calls to Worship

A.*

One: We gather in this place as people who have traveled life's path for while, and as people who are just starting out.

All: Together, we worship God.

One: For some, the way has seemed smooth, while others see more than their fair share of twists and turns.

All: Together, we worship God.

One: Wherever we are on the road, God calls us to gather so we are reminded that we don't walk alone.

All: Together, we worship God.

One: Whoever we are today, and whoever we will be tomorrow,

All: Together, let us worship God!

B.**

One: God of glory, we thank you for this time together.

All: You are the One we come to worship.

One: Lord Jesus, we praise you for this community, as we walk with the students in our midst.

All: You are the One we want to reflect.

One: Holy Spirit, we offer you our hearts.

People: You are the One we seek to guide us.

Leader: We come together from campus and community, from workplace and home, to praise, give thanks and offer all we have.

Call to Confession*

Part of being people of faith is admitting to God and each other when we don't quite get things right. The proof of God's love is that even though we do fall short, Christ died for

us; and through the hope of resurrection Christ reminds us that there is another way. Let us join together in confessing as a community:

Prayer of Confession*

God who calls us to care for one another, forgive us when we don't do enough. When we see a neighbor in need, and instead only look out for ourselves, forgive us. When we meet a sister or brother who feels alone, and we when we would rather stay in our own comfort zone than extend a welcoming hand, have mercy on us. When our uncertainty in the midst of change holds us stuck where we are, meet us there, and open our hearts to the ways we might faithfully love all people. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon*

One: Friends, there is good news for us this morning and every morning. God's mercy is from everlasting to everlasting, and by it may we be inspired to love each other more deeply.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

A Litany for Campus Ministry*

One: For the campus ministries in our own backyards and beyond,

All: O Lord, we pray.

One: That they might all at once be spaces for rest and renewal, for comfort, but also for the challenge of personal growth:

All: O Lord, we pray.

One: For students of varied experiences, drawn together by the movement of your Spirit, that they might have confidence to continue becoming the people of God you created them to be, supporting each other and being supported:

All: O Lord, we pray.

One: For the leaders who guide these communities, discerning the most faithful way to meet young adults where they are in the midst of a sometimes overwhelming world,

All: O Lord, we pray.

One: For the siblings of faith that have nurtured each of us along our way, and the ways we might share that care with the ones who come after us:

All: O Lord, we give you thanks. Amen.

Intercessory/Closing Prayer**

God of all places,

All of us are here today with new challenges, new hopes, and new possibilities. Some of us are just now getting to know ourselves, looking at the blank slate of a new education, a different community, or a budding career. Others of us have been on this road for a while, and yearn for your continued renewal even in our established lives. We ask your blessing on all of it. May we find home in this place, whatever the season we're in. And may we do everything we can to make this place home for others. Help us to set aside

time to remember who we are, in light of who we know you to be. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Some Hymn Suggestions

GTG: *Glory to God* PH: *The Presbyterian Hymnal* (blue)

- "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (Here I Am Lord)" GTG #69 PH #525
- "Here In This Place (Gather Us In)" GTG #401
- "God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me (O Christ, Surround Me)" GTG #543
- "Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons)" GTG #726
- "Guide My Feet" GTG #741 PH #354

Minute for Mission

Consider having someone make a brief presentation or announcement about the presbytery's campus ministries, or the one that is closest to your congregation. If you need additional information for that presentation, get in touch with the specific ministry's campus minister, or Associate Executive Presbyter for Campus Ministry Allison Wehrung (whose contact information included in the sample bulletin blurb below).

Offering

Consider receiving your morning offering (or part of it) to benefit campus ministries in our presbytery -- either campus ministry as a whole, or one ministry in particular. To support campus ministry as a whole, make checks out to the Presbytery of St. Andrew with "Campus Ministry" in the memo line. Then send them to the presbytery office attn: Kim Nix (24 CR 231, Oxford, MS 38655). To support a specific ministry, contact that group's campus minister.

Notes

* Written by Rev. Allison Wehrung (also included in resources for UKirk Sunday 2018).

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