Reunion Worship Resources

Live, Love, Share
Visibly One in Christ
Worship Planners for Reunion 2015

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In the introduction to the words of counsel presented at the 2013 World Conference, Prophet-President Stephen M. Veazey expressed his hope that “these words will serve as a pathway for those who sincerely seek to discover God’s will through their own experience as we continue our faith adventure together.” The words of counsel concluded with “Beloved Community of Christ, do not just speak and sing of Zion. Live, love, and share as Zion: those who strive to be visibly one in Christ, among whom there are no poor or oppressed.” The eight worship services for Reunion 2015 are grounded in these words of counsel.

The phrases for the six daily worship themes—Live, Love, Share…A Divine Vision; Live, Love, Share…Generously; Live, Love, Share…As One; Live, Love, Share…Our Calling; Live, Love, Share…Liberating Disruption; Live, Love, Share…As Zion—are taken from the words of counsel. Consider projecting or displaying the themes each day to reinforce the message.

The resources also include a baptism service and a commitment service. A worship center coordinator could organize a progression of ideas listed in the worship resources selected to fit your setting.

Each Reunion 2015 worship service incorporates a spiral to emphasize inward and outward transformation. “Understand that the road to transformation travels both inward and outward. The road to transformation is the path of the disciple” (Doctrine and Covenants 161:3d). According to Velma Ruch in Summoned to Pilgrimage: “The spiral has been a significant symbol for humankind from the beginning of time because it incorporates in its form the natural structure of the universe, both in its whole and in its parts…. The spiral is representative of the dynamic and upward circling nature of growth…..” She continues, “It [spiral] also has in it the elements of the labyrinth, the road by which the human soul searches for the center and proceeds along the way from chaos to cosmos, from brokenness and confusion to that still point where true life is to be found.”

Walking a labyrinth is an ancient practice. The walker walks slowly, quieting the mind and focusing on a spiritual question or prayer. Although the path twists and turns back on itself many times, a labyrinth has only one path to the center and back out. Find additional information at www.CofChrist.org/spiritual-practice-walking-the-labyrinth.

Human beings have used spirals for thousands of years to express diverse spiritual, cultural, and artistic meanings. They are found on every continent and appear as carvings, structures, and paintings. Spirals are woven into nature and creation as sacred geometry based on a recurring divine proportion. They appear in fruits, vegetables, trees, and flowers. Search for additional spiral and labyrinth ideas at www.pinterest.com.

The worship services were created to be intergenerational as both the young and the old benefit from sharing together. Include participants from as many age groups as possible. Provide rehearsal time so all participants in a service are comfortable with the ministry they are sharing.

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Live, Love, Share
A Divine Vision
Design a worship center to include written Mission Initiatives—either hanging from the ceiling or standing on the floor or ground as the congregation walks into the worship space.

**Mission Initiatives:** Develop Disciples to Serve; Abolish Poverty, End Suffering; Invite People to Christ; Experience Congregations in Mission; Pursue Peace on Earth

**Welcome and Invitation to Worship**

*The following dramatic reading is based on the words of counsel presented at the 2013 World Conference by President Steve Veazey.*

Reader 1: Community of Christ, a divine vision is set before you.
Reader 2: Once it was represented by inspired phrases and symbols.
Reader 1: Now it is expressed by acts.
Reader 2: Endeavors.
Both: Initiatives.

Reader 2: Initiatives that are in harmony with Christ's mission.
Reader 1: Our mission.
Reader 2: Venture, boldly into the heart of God's vision...
Reader 1: For the church,
Reader 2: For the world,
Both: For all creation.

Reader 1: Shape our communities that live in Christ's love,
Reader 2: And mission.
Both: Our mission.

Reader 2: Invite people to the good news.
Reader 1: Invite people to new life.
Reader 2: Invite people into community.
Both: Invite people to Christ.

Reader 1: Take up compassion.
Reader 2: Undertake just actions.
Reader 1: Seek to abolish poverty.
Reader 2: End needless suffering.
Reader 1: Pursue peace on,
Both: And...
Reader 1: For the Earth.

Reader 2: Let nothing separate us from this mission.
Reader 1: Christ's mission.
Both: Our mission.

**Opening Hymn**

“Lord, Speak to Me” CCS 179
OR “To Be Your Presence” CCS 351
OR “Touch Me, Lord, with Thy Spirit Eternal” CCS 574

**Opening Prayer**

Disturb us, Lord, when we are too pleased with ourselves,
Because we dreamed too little,
When we arrived safely
Because we sailed too close to the shore.

Disturb us, Lord, to dare more boldly,
To venture on wilder seas
Where storms will show Your mastery;
Where losing sight of land,
We shall find the stars.

We ask you to push back
The horizons of our hopes;
And to push back the future
In strength, courage, hope, and love.

This we ask in the name of our Captain,
Who is Jesus Christ.

—Excerpt from a prayer by Sir Francis Drake, 1577

**Response**

**Focus Moment**

*Prior to the service, create a precut spiral and place it on a sheet of paper of a contrasting color to use with the Focus Moment. (See the template following this worship outline.)*

The presenter shows the spiral that is still flat on the contrasting paper and then asks: When you look at the spiral what do you see? A circle? A maze?

Read *Oh the Places You'll Go!* by Dr. Seuss (Random House, 1990, ISBN 9780394800165). As the story follows the main character through basic stages of life, Dr. Seuss focuses on the potential of the boy to transcend and overcome many struggles of life, pinpoint his goals, and achieve great things.

*If needed, shorten the story by skipping some lines or pages.*

*After the story ask the following questions while again showing the flat spiral:*

- When you look at the spiral, does it look like you are just going in circles?
- Do you feel like you are seeing the same thing repeatedly?
- Have you ever felt stuck doing the same thing repeatedly?
Dr. Seuss says, “Do you dare to stay out? Do you dare to go in? How much can you lose? How much can you win?” Do you think there is always a right answer to these questions?

Take one more look at this spiral. This spiral is actually a path—a path that leads you on a journey. But what may not be clear from this perspective—because you didn’t “soar to high heights”—is that this spiral isn’t flat; it isn’t just two-dimensional. It has another dimension. It goes somewhere.

At this point, the presenter removes the contrasting piece of paper or board and reveals that the spiral on the paper is actually cut out. The center of the spiral sinks down toward the ground.

Sometimes it may feel like you are stuck, but open your eyes to see the journey you are on. Look ahead at the vision before you.

Disciples’ Generous Response

It is easy to see things in our world that are discouraging or seem insurmountable. But together, we can do great things. You and I. This group of people gathered in this room.

We can do great things in Community of Christ. We are already doing great things. May we remember our purpose extends beyond ourselves, and as we give our offering may we realize the enormity of what our offering can do.

Each heart yearns to give for different reasons, yet we all give our offering for reasons beyond ourselves. We are a community and we do great things together.

You might already have discovered for yourself how radically different traveling alone is from traveling together. I have found over and over again how hard it is to be truly faithful to Jesus when I am alone. I need my brothers and sisters to pray with me, to speak with me about the spiritual task at hand, and to challenge me to stay pure in mind, heart, and body.


Ask those receiving the offering to come forward and then read aloud:

Do not be discouraged. You have not been promised an easy path, but you have been assured that the Spirit that calls you will also accompany you.

That Spirit is even now touching alive the souls of those who feel the passion of discipleship burning deeply within. Many others will respond if you are persistent in your witness and diligent in your mission to the world.

Generously share the invitation, ministries, and sacraments through which people can encounter the Living Christ who heals and reconciles through redemptive relationships in sacred community. The restoring of persons to healthy or righteous relationships with God, others, themselves, and the earth is at the heart of the purpose of your journey as a people of faith.

—Doctrine and Covenants 162:3a–b, 163:2b

Blessing and Receiving of Offering

Hymn or Ministry of Music

“Draw the Circle Wide” CCS 273
OR “Be Thou My Vision” CCS 167
OR Play “You Are My Vision” from Campfire by Rend Collective, www.youtube.com/watch?v=PQNczm45GyY.

Message

Based on the first five paragraphs of the words of counsel presented at the 2013 World Conference (Live, Love, Share Visibly One in Christ, Herald Publishing House, 2014, 5)

Prayer for Peace

Light the peace candle either before the reading or after the prayer following the reading.

One World, One Heart

We all hear the same sounds. We look up and see the same sky. We cry the same tears. Our feelings and emotions are the same. All mothers are sisters. All fathers are brothers. All children are one.

Yet there is hate. There is violence. There is intolerance. There is confusion among people. We don’t try hard enough to understand each other. We don’t seem to realize that we all have the same basic needs, no matter who we are or what part of the world we come from.

We must understand the differences among us and celebrate the sameness. We must make the world a place where love and friendship dominate our hearts. Equality, respect, compassion and kindness must guide our actions. Only then will we all be able to peacefully and lovingly live the life we each choose.

—Susan Polis Schultz, used by permission

Hymn or Ministry of Music

“Lord, Make Us Instruments” CCS 364
OR Play “Give Me Your Eyes” by Brandon Heath www.youtube.com/watch?v=P5AkNqluVgY
**Sending Forth**

Come then, Holy Spirit, breathe on us
- fill us with life anew!

Grace us with new depths of honesty, integrity, and sensitivity.

Grant us new eyes to see the hidden gifts of friend, family, and stranger.

Open unfettered highways of trust, appreciation, and transforming friendship.

Let leadership and management be eclipsed by ministry.

Let not public performance impoverish personal piety.

And finally, gracious God, stir within us the true spirit of servanthood
- remind us of why we do what we do
- the call, the passion, the joy, the hope, the tears, the great laughter.

Give us breathing lessons!

Breathe on us that we may stir your breath of life in others!

In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen

—Danny Belrose, *Let the Spirit Breathe*

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Spiral Template
Live, Love, Share
Generously
Gathering Hymns
(choose two)
“Summoned by the God Who Made Us” CCS 330
“Uyai Mose (Come All You People)” CCS 84
“Gather Us In” CCS 72

Welcome and Call to Worship
Based on Psalm 112 and 2 Corinthians 9:9
Voice Choir: All readers (two to five readers) stand simultaneously from various locations in the congregation and then read in succession:
Reader 1:  Praise the Lord!
Reader 2:  Happy are those who fear the Lord, who greatly delight in his commandments!
Reader 3:  It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice.
Reader 1:  They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor.
Reader 2:  Their righteousness endures forever; their horn is exalted in honor!

Opening Hymn
“Sing to God as Sings the Ocean” CCS 104
OR “Now Sing to Our God” CCS 108
OR “This Is God’s Wondrous World” CCS 136

Invocation

Focus Moment
The dolphin has been used as a symbol of the light of Christ from the earliest days of Christianity. This may be because the dolphin swims in the purest water and exhibits the generous loving nature we as Christians are asked to embody. This children’s story reminds us to be generous and loving.

Use the labyrinth included at the end of this worship outline as a handout for participants. The puffin and dolphin find their way to a boy who has become happy because of their kindness and generosity.

The Dolphin and the Puffin
There was once a small village close to the seashore. In the old days it was bustling and happy with activity of the families that lived there. The sky was blue, and the sands were warm. Brightly colored curtains flapped happily in the ocean winds. Children ran and played with glee. Moms and dads and grandmas and grandpas rejoiced in their laughter.

The sea was very giving and all had plenty to eat and plenty of everything they needed. Over time everyone forgot to be generous with what they were given. They even forgot to take care of the ocean. All of what they had been given began to dwindle. The sky was gray; the beach was deserted and forlorn because the children no longer played happily there. They had forgotten how. The grown-ups of the village worried but didn’t know what to do to make everything work again as it should.

In the ocean lived the most generous animals of the world. They were the dolphins. One day a puffin, the kindest and most forgiving bird of the air, talked to a sad little boy kicking an empty can along the deserted beach. The puffin wanted to know why he was so sad.

Ask why they think he was so sad.

The little boy told him the sky was no longer blue, the sands were no longer warm, and the brightly colored curtains no longer flapped happily in the windows. And the saddest thing of all was that laughter could no longer be heard in the village because nobody had what they needed.

Later that day the puffin saw the dolphin swimming near the beach, so he began to relate what was happening in the village. Now the dolphin, being the most generous animal in the world, and the puffin, being the kindest and most forgiving bird of the air, put their heads together and made a plan that the next time the puffin saw the sad little boy he would take him to the dolphin so the generous dolphin could give the sad little boy a ride to cheer him up.

Would that cheer you up to ride on a dolphin?

And you know what happened because the puffin was such a kind and forgiving bird and the dolphin was such a generous and giving animal? Well, the gift of a ride from the dolphin made the little boy so happy he invited the whole village to come watch him the next time he went for a ride. The other dolphins of the ocean came up and swam alongside, joining in a spiral of gleeful generosity around the boy and the dolphin that was giving him a ride. The villagers were so amazed to see the boy happy and so touched by the generosity of the dolphins and the kindness of the puffin. They realized they needed to follow their example by taking care of one another and the ocean.

Can you see why it is so important for us to be giving and generous? How can you help someone who is sad and who doesn’t have what he or she needs?

Once again the sky was blue, the sands were warm, the curtains flapped happily in the ocean breezes, and the children ran and played with laughter. The grown-ups were relieved because everything worked again as it should. All had what they needed all because of the kindness of the puffin and the generosity of the dolphin.
When we share with others who don’t have what they need, we make Jesus very happy. We are following his example by being generous just like he is with us!
—Gail Anderson, used by permission

Hymn of Generosity
“Can We Calculate Our Giving” CCS 617
OR “Take My Life and Let It Be” CCS 608
OR “A Mother Lined a Basket” CCS 239
OR “Sometimes We Wait, Expecting God” CCS 304

Disciples’ Generous Response
Mareva M. Arnaud Tchong, Council of Twelve Apostles, shares that we are called to “imitate God’s generosity.” She reminds us this is not a “counterfeit or cheap copy;” it is to have “the same nature, have the same attributes, behave, and act in the same way as the One who calls us to follow him” (“Called to Be Pillars of Light,” Live, Love, Share Visibly One in Christ, Herald Publishing House, 2014, 51). Just as the people of the forlorn little village realized by the example of the generous dolphin, we must follow Christ’s example to “express a divine generosity in our personal lives, daily events, and interactions with our families, neighbors, strangers, and—according to the gospel—even our enemies…We are to be a community that imitates the genuine, real, generous, and loving nature of God in relationships with others” (51).

Share a testimony of Christ-like generosity and offer a prayer of blessing on the offering.
Show the video “Generous People” produced by Floodgate Productions (available for purchase at www.sermonspice.com) during the offering.

Hymn of Confession
“Creator of Sunrises” CCS 207
OR “The Love of God” CCS 210

Spiral of Peace and Generosity
Project a video or photos of spirals during the Prayer for Peace. (“Galaxy Spiral” Church Motion Graphics, available for purchase at www.sermonspice.com, or “Evolution of Spiral Galaxy Arms” at www.youtube.com)

Ministry of Music
“The Peace of the Earth” (solo, duet, choir, or congregational hymn) CCS 647
As the hymn is sung, have the spiral participants gradually expand their spiral to encircle the whole congregation, slowly waving their banners as they move until only the participant with the banner of the fish is left standing at the table. That person will light the peace candle, then slowly wave the banner and read as a prayer “O Christ Who by a Cross” (stanza 1) CCS 315.

Message “Live, Love, Share…Generously”
Based on words of counsel presented at the 2013 World Conference: “Free the full capacity of Christ’s mission…Tithing is a spiritual practice…capacity to respond becomes much greater than initially assumed” (Live, Love, Share Visibly One in Christ, Herald Publishing House, 2014, 5).

Closing Hymn
“May the God of Hope” CCS 652
OR “Great and Marvelous Are Thy Works” CCS 118

Sending Forth
(based on Luke 6:38)
Use the call-and-response method or have these words projected for the congregation to say in unison, “Let us go now, willing to share ourselves generously. Let us go now, willing to give the good measure that is pressed down, shaken together and running over! Let us GO and live and love and share!”
Dolphin/Puffin Labyrinth
Christian Fish Symbol Examples

The symbols below are known as ichthys (from the ancient Greek word for fish). ΙΧΘΥΣ is an acronym coming from the first letters of words that mean, “Jesus Christ God’s Son is Savior.” To make a banner, paint or draw a similar symbol on paper or fabric. Attach the finished art to a pole or use it as a handheld banner.
Live, Love, Share
As One
Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: We come, for God gathers us here, with that community called faith:

People: where the hungry are served first, where the thirsty drink living water.

Leader: We come, for God welcomes us here into that home called grace:

People: where the naked are clothed in robes of hope; where the stranger is embraced as a child of God.

Leader: We come, for God reunites us here, sisters and brothers in that family called love:

People: where the imprisoned seek justice, where the sick are cradled in God's peace.

All: We come.

Hymn of Invocation

“We Need Each Other’s Voice to Sing” CCS 324
OR “In Christ We Live” CCS 326

Invocation

Congregational Response

Sing “Mayenziwe ’Ntando Yakho (Your Will Be Done)” CCS 191

Prayer for Peace

Jesus Prays for the Disciples

(based on John 17:20–23)

Before the service, create a worship setting that includes a peace candle and a globe or some representation of the world. Place taper candles with drip guards on or near the table to use later in the service. Have the number of tapers match the number of participants in the vignette.

Develop a vignette using an assortment of people to represent disciples and one person as Jesus. You can make this an accurate representation of the 12 disciples or create a more modern-day interpretation. Jesus will have the only speaking part, which is an adaptation from the scripture passage:

“Oh, God, I have revealed your name to these you called to me. I have given them the teaching you gave to me and they have accepted it and know for certain that I came from you. Holy God, keep those you have given me true to your name so they may be one like us. I pray not only for these, but also for ones who through their teaching will come to believe in me. May they all be one, just as you are in me and I am in you. With me in them and you in me, may they be so perfected in unity that the world will recognize that it was you who sent me and that you have loved them as you have loved me.”

Jesus lights the peace candle. Have all participants in the vignette gather around the globe, holding their hands toward it in blessing. Hold for a few seconds then have them return to their places in the congregation.

Focus Moment


OR Show a reading of The Crayon Box that Talked by Shane DeRolf at vimeo.com/23111919.

When a little girl encounters a box of crayons that do not get along, she teaches them a lesson about appreciating others by using all the colors in the box.

After reading the book, ask:

• What would it be like if we had only one color?
• Have you ever had anything like this happen in your life?
• When have you cooperated with someone who had different talents to work together and make something?

Hymn

“Sing of Colors (De colores)” CCS 332
OR “With Gifts That Differ by Your Grace” (a soloist or small ensemble could sing this as ministry of music) CCS 328

Message

(based on Galatians 2:12, 3:27–29)

Use a focus that reminds the congregation “oneness and equality in Christ do not mean uniformity. They mean unity in diversity and relating in Christ-like love to the circumstances of others as if they were one’s own” (“Words of Counsel Presented at the 2013 World Conference,” Live, Love, Share Visibly One in Christ, Herald Publishing House, 2014, 6).

Disciples’ Generous Response

The Reason for Coming Together  
**by Katrina Petz**

By volunteering in Peru [as a World Service Corps member], I continually get to share with new people in new ways. Recently in Huánuco, I took part in my first Chocolatada, a Christmas service followed by sharing hot chocolate and panettone (a bread with raisins or candied fruit).

The Chocolatada theme was sharing the love of Jesus. We shared in worship with our neighbors for the first time. It was an awesome service and example of Christ’s love.

I am always astounded by people who can just get up and share personal stories, and I was particularly moved by one woman. She felt so comfortable and loved that she easily shared with new friends in a new setting.

We were all from different religious backgrounds, and we all carried our own stories. But Jesus’ love was the reason we were brought together.

**Prayer of Blessing**

**Offertory Music**

While receiving the offering, play the music video: “Carrie Newcomer—Room at the Table” www.youtube.com/watch?v=92OM5bdQ4N4.

OR “O for a World” (soloist or small ensemble) CCS 379

**Reflection of Confession and Commitment**

_Take a few moments to lead members of the congregation in a guided reflection on the day or week so far. Remind them the choices to make a better world are often seen in small steps taken each day._

When we allow ourselves to reflect on our daily choices, we can see glimpses of times we have been less faithful and other times when our words or actions have brought the light of Christ more fully into the world. We have an opportunity to set an intention for the coming day (Mareva M. Arnaud Tchong, “Called to Be Pillars of Light,” *Live, Love, Share Visibly One in Christ*, Herald Publishing House, 2014, 51–52).

- Be silent and turn your attention to God. Humbly ask God to help you remember clearly and honestly your day. Pause.
- Express your gratitude for the many blessings present in your life and of this day. Pause.
- Review your day by understanding that God was fully present. Think about your activities, conversations, thoughts, and feelings. Pause.
- Bask in God’s merciful love, and the words and actions of the day. Pause.
- Leave the day of God’s grace and turn to the next day. Be more aware of God’s presence. Commit to live a better day, sharing generously the testimonies of Jesus in your life. Engage in acts of love and peace while expressing fair and positive feelings. Consider life as Jesus would have us live. Pause.
- End your prayer with gratitude for the gift of this day and commit yourself to becoming more generous by embodying God’s generosity in the days to come.

**Closing Hymn**

“Summoned by the God Who Made Us” CCS 330  
OR “Though the Spirit’s Gifts Are Many” CCS 334

**Sending Forth**

Play the music video “Go Light Your World” with lyrics by Chris Rice. www.youtube.com/watch?v=z5IXiVqU9OM

OR Hymn or Ministry of Music “Come and Bring Light” CCS 287

As the hymn is sung or the music video is played, have the vignette participants, Jesus and the disciples, come up to the peace candle. Jesus lights a taper from the peace candle; then each disciple lights a taper, also from the peace candle. As each one lights a candle, have them form a loose spiral with Jesus at the center, leaving plenty of room for safety from the candle flames.

Once the last disciple has lit a taper and found a place in the spiral, have the spiral unfurl into the congregation. Weave among the people of the congregation looking members in the eyes and saying softly, “Go, light your world” or “Bring light to a people in darkness.” Be sure enough room has been provided in the arrangement of the chairs for this to be done with ease and safety. Vignette participants should keep the candles in their hands.

When the song is completed, the presider will conclude with a challenge, “Go! Light your world!” or “Bring light to a people in darkness.”
Welcome
The scriptures are full of stories that illustrate time and again, through Jesus, the surprising and potentially unsettling nature of God’s hospitality and inclusivity. In Apostle Barbara Carter’s commentary on Prophet-President Stephen M. Veazey’s words of counsel to the church in 2013, she lifts up several examples of God calling people from diverse backgrounds for different ministries.

- Matthew, a tax collector whom Jesus invites to follow him, experiences new life in Christ.
- Peter, a fisherman, drops his nets and picks up the message of hope.
- A Samaritan woman, with whom Jews did not share anything, is given a cup of water by Jesus, and in this exchange with him, the living water transforms her life. “Many Samaritans from that city believed in [Jesus] because of the woman’s testimony, ‘He told me everything I have ever done’” (John 4:39). (“God Calls Whomever God Calls,” Live, Love, Share Visibly One in Christ, Herald Publishing House, 2014, 56)

Congregational Hymn
“Christ, You Call Us All to Service” CCS 357
OR “All Are Called” CCS 606

Focus Moment
Presenter shares a story or testimony about growing up in Community of Christ. The presenter can share how the congregational family shared love, nurtured spiritual development, and expressed the worth of all persons. One could include how the congregation shared knowledge of love of the church family of Jesus Christ and how they helped grow trust in those principles. Tell of a specific moment or event when this assurance was felt.

Children sing “Jesus Loves Me” CCS 251 (stanza 1).
Ask the congregation, “Who remembers growing up knowing Jesus loved you?”
Congregation sings “Jesus Loves Me” CCS 251 (stanza 3).

Disciples’ Generous Response
Share Barbara Howard’s “I Have Given You a Day” video or a different DGR video from www.CofChrist.org/resources?tags=Witness%20the%20Word#/, or a personal generosity story.

Blessing and Receiving of Offering

Our Calling
Prayer for Peace

Our prayer for peace is that, like the Samaritan woman, Peter, or Matthew, we experience God, Jesus, Holy Spirit in ways that alter our lives.

Choose one of the following:

Play “You Are Loved,” missionalleaders.org/video-resources/retreat-three-videos. Have the congregation trace a spiral in their palms, inward and outward, while playing the video to remind us embodying love is both an inward and outward journey.

OR Sing “Prayer of Peace” CCS 164. Ask a song leader to guide the congregation through the motions as they sing. The motions for each phrase are

“Peace before us”—arms outstretched in front of body
“Peace behind us”—arms outstretched behind body
“Peace under our feet”—arms down and hands wave back and forth parallel to the ground
“Peace within us”—hands over heart
“Peace over us”—arms outstretched above head
“Let all around us be peace”—arms wave through the air OR turn around slowly

Have the congregation stand to sing stanza one a cappella four times. Face north for the first stanza, east for the second, south for the third, and west for the fourth. This is a tradition of praying to the four directions. Remind the congregation to be mindful of the universal spiral, the inward and outward movement of the Spirit, and the peace of Jesus Christ.

Message “Our Calling—God Calls Whomever God Calls”

Scripture Reading: Doctrine and Covenants 119:8b (adapted)

All are called according to the gifts of God unto them; and to the intent that all may labor together, let [them] that labor in the ministry and [them] that toil labor together with God for the accomplishment of the work entrusted to all.

Meditational Music Ministry

(solo or ensemble)

“You Walk along Our Shoreline” CCS 598
OR “Holy Presence, Holy Teacher” CCS 601

Benediction

Congregational Commitment of Faith

Have the congregation stand to read these words from “As God Is Joy” CCS 366

As God is joy, we share in joy.
As God is hope, we live in hope.
As God is love, we grow in love.
As God is peace, we will seek peace.

—Words and Music by Randall Pratt
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Closing Hymn

“At the Heart of Sacred Calling” CCS 509
OR “Your Cause Be Mine” CCS 639
OR “You Are Called to Tell the Story” CCS 625
Live, Love, Share
Liberating Disruption
Several days before this service, ask people to collect spirals or circles found in nature such as pinecones, seashells, snail shells, flowers, or leaves. They could also create pictures, paint rocks, or make fingerprint designs to contribute.

If there is a labyrinth on the grounds or nearby; encourage the community to walk it while they consider their own testimonies of the inward and outward journey of meditation or transformation. If a labyrinth is not available, consider creating one with yard paint, spray chalk, gathered leaves, or rocks.

Worship Setting: Place a cross on a drawing or picture of a labyrinth. Include a wooden bowl and a candle for the Prayer for Peace. Complete the worship setting with the spirals and circles later in the service.

Gathering Songs of Praise and Rejoicing
(choose two)
“As We Gather” CCS 73
“Rejoice, Ye Saints of Latter Days” CCS 81
“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah” CCS 86
“Now Sing to Our God” CCS 108
“Great and Marvelous Are Thy Works” (three languages) CCS 118

Welcome and Call to Worship
Leader: Beloved Community of Christ, do not just speak and sing of Zion. Live, love and share as Zion: those who strive to be visibly one in Christ, among who there are no poor or oppressed.
—2013 words of counsel
Be prepared for God’s disruptions.

Reader 1: God weeps at love withheld, at strength misused, at children’s innocence abused, and until we change the way we love, God weeps.
—CCS 212, stanza 1, by Shirley Erena Murray, ©1996 Hope Publishing Company

Congregation: May the plights of children interrupt our lives and call us to action.

Reader 2 (child): Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me!
—CCS 251, stanza 1, by Anna B. Warner

Reader 3: Companion of the poor: God with us in our need, you know the pain of poverty, the cry that has no creed.
—CCS 296, stanza 1, by Daniel Charles Damon, © 2002 Abingdon Press

Leader: Do not turn away in pride, fear, or guilt from the One who seeks only the best for you and your loved ones. Come before your Eternal Creator with open minds and hearts and discover the blessings of the gospel anew. [Let us] be vulnerable to divine grace.
—Doctrine and Covenants 163:10b
Be open to liberating disruption.

Opening Hymn
“You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd” CCS 22
OR “Gather Your Children” CCS 77
OR “Come and Find the Quiet Center” CCS 151
OR “Teach Me, God, to Wonder” CCS 176

Invocation

Focus Moment
This story carries a message for all generations about patience, respect, and love.
An electronic version of the book can be viewed at www.youtube.com/watch?v=2FW0xGyEUNU
This book could also be staged with visual imaging of the plot.
Discussion questions:
• When we notice things that bother us, what can we do about it?
How can we turn disruptions into opportunities to love?

Prayer for Peace

Ask a child to help light the peace candle and participate in the prayer. Or ask the children to join in repeating the response, “God, give us peace.”

O God of Peace,

The ways of the world are difficult, O God. From the very beginnings of humankind, we have inflicted each other with hatred and war, abuse and cruelty. The weak and marginalized have been oppressed and degraded. People have worked to build their own power, wealth, and egos at the expense of the powerless, fragile, and frightened.

But the children say, God, give us peace.

As flawed humans, we have put distance between ourselves and others in too many ways. We see the race, political views, education, social status, monetary worth, or gender of others as lesser than our own, forgetting that all are equal in your sight.

But the children say, God, give us peace.

As people of faith, we try to follow your teachings of peace, decrying violence, oppression, and any actions that degrade or hurt others. We sometimes fail. We more often may be guilty of fear and apathy—sure of what we can do to alleviate the suffering of others, when that suffering seems to fill the world.

But the children say, God, give us peace.

Jesus taught us that when we see anyone hungry and feed them, thirsty and give them a drink, naked and clothe them, sick or imprisoned and visit them, we do that for Jesus—we minister to and in the stead of the Divine. Jesus also taught that when we see anyone afflicted in these ways, and DO NOT try to help, we not only extend the hurt of that person, but we also turn our back on God.

The children say, God, give us peace.

O, Parent of Peace: We know there are many people, not only around the world but on our own streets, who live with fear, oppression and abuse. Each one is your child, just as each one of us is your child. Each child of God deserves a life of honor, safety, and love. Each child of God deserves to live free from fear or want for themselves and their families. Each child of God deserves our consideration and respect. Each child of God deserves to live in peace.

And the children say, God, give us peace.

Amen.

—Eileen Terril, used by permission

Hymn or Ministry of Music

“All Are Welcome” CCS 276
OR “God, We Gather as Your People” CCS 274

Scripture Reading:

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind; to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.


Message

Based on words of counsel presented at the 2013 World Conference: “And, always remember, the way of suffering love that leads to the cross also leads to resurrection and everlasting life in Christ’s eternal communication and oneness and peace.”

Hymn

“Hope of the World” CCS 29
OR “God Is Still Speaking” CCS 282

Community Activity

Invite people to bring their collected or created spirals to the front to complete the worship setting with their offerings. Allow those who were able to walk the labyrinth to share one- or two-sentence testimonies of the inward and outward journey of meditation or transformation.

Disciples’ Generous Response

The theme for reunion is to Live, Love, and Share. We are called to prayerfully and lovingly share from our true capacity to “respond to the divine vision of human worth and equality in Christ” (words of counsel 2013).

There are so many needs and opportunities, but “if you wait until you can do everything for everybody, instead of something for somebody, you will end up not doing anything for anybody.”

—Malcolm Bane

The most inspiring acts of generosity are initiated by givers. Such giving multiplies and grows. God opens our eyes, ears, and hearts so we may act without waiting to be told. Abundant generosity always starts with an eagerness to give, taking the first step, being bold for the sake of others.

The unexpected gift is an expression of generosity that finds its origin in God. Generosity never waits; it acts. It looks for need and opportunity. Generosity that comes
forth on its own is of God. The unexpected, generous gifts from faithful disciples committed to God’s peaceable kingdom are always found on the pathway to abundant generosity.

Ask two or three people to share testimonies or stories of generosity from the local jurisdictions.

Blessing and receiving of tithes

Closing Hymn
“Now in This Moment” CCS 96
OR “Now Let Our Hearts within Us Burn” CCS 658

Sending Forth
Leader: Collectively and individually, you are loved with an everlasting love that delights in each faithful step taken. God yearns to draw you close so that wounds may be healed, emptiness filled, and hope strengthened.

—Doctrine and Covenants 163:10a

And, always remember, the way of suffering love that leads to the cross also leads to resurrection and everlasting life in Christ’s eternal community of oneness and peace.

—words of counsel 2013

Congregation: Help us be fully awake and ready to respond. Grant us courage to risk something new and become a blessing of your love and peace. Amen.

—adapted from Mission Prayer
Live, Love, Share
As Zion
Gathering Songs  
(choose two)  
"O God of Vision" CCS 78  
"Called to Gather as God’s People" CCS 79  
"O Lord, Grace Our Communion" CCS 80  
"God, We Gather as Your People" CCS 274

Welcome and Invitation to Worship  
Have a group of five multiage readers stand and read each line from words of counsel presented at 2013 World Conference and Sharing in Community of Christ.

Reader 1: Beloved Community of Christ, do not just speak and sing of Zion. Live, love and share as Zion: those who strive to be visibly one in Christ, among whom there are no poor or oppressed.

Reader 2: We are Community of Christ and we are walking the path together. We sing joy in thousands of congregations. We say hope in scores of languages. We proclaim peace in almost 60 nations. We are one and we are many. We are diverse yet we are community. We belong to Christ.

Reader 3: As Christ’s body, lovingly and patiently bear the weight of criticism from those who hesitate to respond to the divine vision of human worth and equality in Christ. The burden and blessing is yours for divine purpose.

Reader 4: We are one in our belief in the worth of every person and the value of every soul in God’s sight. All are called to develop their gifts for service to Christ and to others.

Reader 5: And, always remember, the way of suffering love that leads to the cross also leads to resurrection and everlasting life in Christ’s eternal community of oneness and peace. Trust in this promise.

All Readers: We are one, we are many. Somehow we who are many are one. We lift on high the name: Christ Jesus. We testify of Christ Jesus. We are one!

Opening Hymn  
“Community of Christ” CCS 354  
OR “Lord, Whose Love” CCS 346

Prayer for Peace  
May the peace of Jesus burn within us and fan the flames of equity; may it melt the walls of separation, until sisters and brothers all are we. Let your Spirit breathe within us; help us find our voice through daily actions echoed in our daily walk.

May the peace of Jesus spark within us the zeal for Zion’s true shalom; Let its call for love embrace us: every nation, tribe, and home. May this be our calling and this be our mission. Go and share the peace of Christ!

Amen.  
—based on “Peace of Jesus” CCS 318  
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Focus Moment  
Prepare a tree trunk on poster board or tag board leaving room for leaves to be added. Also prepare circles of paper on which the congregants will draw spiral leaves. Have markers or crayons for participants to use to create leaves and glue to attach leaves.


As you read, point out similarities and differences among the children. Discuss your own communities (family, church, school, reunion). Point out that sometimes it’s hard to be part of a community, but in Jesus’ eyes we are all equal.

Point out the spirals on the border of each page of the book and then show the children the tree trunk you prepared. Explain that participants are going to create spiral leaves for the tree. As they make their leaf spirals, they should focus on all the things God has created in them that are unique as well as all the things they have in common with others. Leaves will be brought forward and placed on the tree during the Disciples’ Generous Response.

Ministry of Music or Congregational Hymn  
“Christ Has Changed the World’s Direction!” CCS 356  
OR “Draw the Circle Wide” CCS 273

Message  
Based on words of counsel 2013 “Beloved Community of Christ ...This burden and blessing is yours for divine purposes” (Live, Love, Share Visibly One in Christ, Herald Publishing House, 2014, 6).

• How do we work toward Zion?
• What actions are we being called into?
• How will we help make Zion happen?

Time of Confession  
Congregation will sing a stanza followed by a unison reading.
“Now It Is Evening” (stanza 1)
   Congregational Response:
   Forgive us when we fail to recognize the lonely as our neighbor.

“Now It Is Evening” (stanza 2)
   Congregational Response:
   Forgive us when we fail to recognize the neglected as our neighbor.

“Now It Is Evening” (stanza 3)
   Congregational Response:
   Forgive us when we fail to recognize the hungry as our neighbor.

“Now It Is Evening” (stanza 4)
   Congregational Response:
   Forgive us when we fail to recognize the stranger as our neighbor. Help us extend Christ’s welcome to all.

Disciples’ Generous Response
   After the offering has been received, invite participants to attach the leaves they have created to the tree.

“I Want to Do That All Over Again”
   I love going to reunion and didn’t get to go often as a child. My husband and I have been able to take our children as well as numerous foster children over the years. My kids and my “extended family” need this place. Too many of them have experienced pain no child should have to face. At reunion, they find acceptance, fulfillment, and a sense of belonging they desperately need. We get to see God working every day in the lives of these kids. As one of [Shauna’s] children said at the end of the week, “I wish it was Sunday. I want to do that all over again!”

   As they share in reunion each summer, Camp Chihowa addresses the Mission Initiative Invite People to Christ. The people who gather there share in worship, fellowship, chores, and fun to create a welcoming community that accepts all who attend. Your contributions make it possible for activities such as reunion to occur so that all may hear the good news of the living Christ and his invitation to join together in creating God’s Kingdom here on earth.

   —Shauna Ferguson, Midlands Mission Center

   From Galatians 3:27–28 we read, “As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.”

   Share in the prayer of blessing for the offering.

Closing Hymn
   “The Cause of Zion Summons Us” CCS 386
   OR “Sizohamba Naye (We Will Walk with God)” CCS 377
   OR “Christ, You Call Us All to Service” CCS 357

Sending Forth
   Know, O my people, the time for hesitation is past. The earth, my creation, groans for the liberating truths of my gospel which have been given for the salvation of the world. Test my words…Keep my commandments, and seek to bring forth and establish the cause of Zion.

   —Doctrine and Covenants 155:7 and 6:3a
Spiral Tree Example
(suggested tree trunk and branches or create your own tree based on nature)
Baptismal Service

Live, Love, Share
Expanding Our Community
Welcome
(Introduce candidates and symbolism of the spiral.)
Oliver Wendell Holmes describes how the chambered nautilus creates its spiral-shelled home. The creature starts in a small chamber, and as it grows, it leaves its old dwelling place behind and grows into a new and larger chamber. As we enter our new life with Christ, we leave some old ways behind and expand into a new, loving, and welcoming community.

Part of his poem goes like this:
Year after year beheld the silent toil
That spread his lustrous coil;
Still, as the spiral grew,
He left the past year’s dwelling for the new...
Built up its idle door,
Stretched in his last-found home, and knew the old no more...
Build thee more stately mansions, O my soul,
As the swift seasons roll!
Leave thy low-vaulted past!
Let each new temple, nobler than the last...
Till thou at length art free,
Leaving thine outgrown shell by life’s unresting sea!
—Excerpt from Oliver Wendell Holmes
“The Chambered Nautilus”

Gathering Music
(guitar or flute)
During the music have worshipers form a line and then have helpers gather them into a loose spiral formation. Have helpers practice this before the service. The presider stands in the center of the spiral. Invite the baptism candidate(s) to enter the spiral and walk to the center as the people sing the American spiritual, “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” (Hymns of the Saints 464, see attached song sheet).

Centering Prayer
After the prayer, have the candidates follow the spiral path of their outward journey as the people sing, “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” CCS 499 or “We Are One in the Spirit” CCS 359.
Have the spiral relax into a semicircle around the baptism site.

Scripture
Claim your unique and sacred place within the circle of those who call upon the name of Jesus Christ. Be faithful to the spirit of the Restoration, mindful that it is a spirit of adventure, openness, and searching. Walk proudly and with a quickened step. Be a joyful people. Laugh and play and sing, embodying the hope and freedom of the gospel.
—Doctrine and Covenants 161:1b

Challenge to the Candidates

Hymn
“This Is a Day of New Beginnings” CCS 495
OR “Sing Praise for Rain That Washes Earth” CCS 494
OR “I Love You, Lord” Sing a New Song 18

Affirming Moment
Have the candidate(s) stand in the center of the people. Ask several members of the congregation to give statements of support for the candidates, individually or as a group.

Sacrament of Baptism
As candidates go into the water, the congregation sings “Come as a Child” CCS 503 (stanza 1). As they come out of the water, the congregation sings stanza 2.
OR Sing “In My Life, Lord” CCS 602

Response of the Community
Leader: We share our community with [names of those newly baptized].
Congregation: We welcome you with love and joy.
Leader: We stand as a community built on faith in Christ,
Congregation: A community of disciples who serve and share.
Leader: Join us, the body of Christ—
Congregation: Join our expanding, loving, and sharing community.

Hymn
“With Water Freely Flowing” CCS 502
OR “Come as a Child” CCS 503
OR “In This New Moment” CCS 504
OR “Spirit of the Living God” CCS 567

Commission
We have expanded our community, made stronger by [names of those newly baptized]. Turning outward, we leave to live, love, and share.

Response and Sending Forth Solo
“Go Forth” CCS 654
OR “May the God of Hope (Dios de la esperanza)” CCS 652
Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

Galatians 5:22, 23, 25
Alma 3:27-29

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart;

In my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

Text: American Folk Hymn.
Tune: American Folk Hymn; arr. Rosalee Elser, 1925. Copyright 1980 Rosalee Elser; used by permission.
Service of Commitment

Live, Love, Share
Visibly One in Christ
This service is to inspire action and commitment in new, measurable ways we can “Live, Love and Share ... Visibly One in Christ.” Create a positive atmosphere, upbeat moments, and a call to action as individual disciples and a community!

At the start of the service, hand out a spiral (see page 9) and a pen or pencil to each person for the Call to Action.

Worship Atmosphere Ideas
(choose one or two)

• Decorate the worship space with spirals hanging from the roof or ceiling. (Cut out spirals; then hang them so the inside of the spirals hang down.)
• Set up chairs in a spiral (instead of a circle) with space for the service participants in the middle.
• Have a large spiral on a large piece of poster board or fabric hanging somewhere in the space. Later in the service people can add their personal commitment journeys to the spiral. These represent their individual commitments to the journey of the entire community, showing that while their goals are personal, they are not alone on their paths to accomplishing them.
• Use people who play instruments. Have a band or individuals play upbeat or meditative moments of music ministry to add meaning to this service.

Gathering Focus Moment
Show this video at the beginning of the service as a call to worship and focus: “Change your Life. Change your World.” www.youtube.com/watch?v=97avw00Jo2Q

OR

Gathering Songs
(choose two or three)
“What Does the Lord Require of You?” CCS 580
“Take the Path of the Disciple” CCS 558
“The Summons” CCS 586
“Be Thou My Vision” CCS 167

Opening Prayer and Call to Worship
Offer a prayer of welcome that invites the Spirit to move within the community.

After the prayer, read the following scripture passage:

God is calling for a prophetic community to emerge, drawn from the nations of the world, that is characterized by uncommon devotion to the compassion and peace of God revealed in Jesus Christ. Through divine grace and wisdom, this faith community has been given abundant gifts, resources, and opportunities to equip it to become such a people. Chief among these is the power of community in Christ expressed locally in distinctive fashions while upholding a unity of vision, foundational beliefs, and mission throughout the world.

There are many issues that could easily consume the time and energy of the church. However, the challenge before a prophetic people is to discern and pursue what matters most for the journey ahead.

— Doctrine and Covenants 163:11a, b

Sharing of Personal Reflections of Hopes
If this service is at the beginning of the week, ask three or four people of different ages and experiences to share briefly (two minutes) about their hopes of the time spent dwelling in the message of “Live, Love, Share?” If the service is at the end of the week ask people to reflect on their experiences from the week.

• What has your spiral, your inward and outward journey, looked like? What meaning does this have for you?
• What successes or struggles in your life as a disciple have you encountered recently?
• How do you hope to move forward?
• How has this community been a part of the journey and how can the community help you move forward from here?

Song of Reflection and a Community Journey
“We Are Pilgrims on a Journey” CCS 550
OR “We Are Companions on the Journey” CCS 552

Call to Action
As excerpts are read from the words of counsel presented at the 2013 World Conference, ask congregants to reflect and then respond in writing on the spirals handed out as they entered the service.

Ask five people to share in this reading. Each person will read a paragraph from the words of counsel and the questions that follow. Pause between each question and the next paragraph to allow people to have time to reflect.

You could also have one or more people writing or painting their action plans on large spirals at the front or in various places around the worship space as this is taking place.

Presentation idea: Instead of having people write on individual pieces of paper, have a few giant spirals on the floor or hanging on a wall. Invite people to write along the lines of the spirals, joining their goals with those of the community.

1. As a spiritual venture, boldly follow the initiatives into the heart of God’s vision for the church and creation.
Then, in response to growing insight about God’s nature and will, continue to shape communities that live Christ’s love and mission.


2. Undertake compassionate and just actions that seek to abolish poverty and end needless suffering. Pursue peace on and for the Earth. Let nothing separate you from this mission.

With the initiative closest to your heart, what action have you been waiting to take? What needs do you see waiting for your attention? Think of three that stick out in your mind. Make these three your priorities. Write these three around the inner lines of your spiral.

3. Continue to align your priorities with local and worldwide church efforts to move the initiatives forward. Additional innovative approaches to coordinating congregational life and supporting groups of disciples and seekers are needed to address mission opportunities in a changing world.

Think creatively. Are your ideas new or are they already being done? How can you create an opportunity for expressive discipleship that is engaging for others? What resources can you use to address the needs you see? List one idea for each of your three priorities on the spiral lines surrounding your priorities.

4. Free the full capacity of Christ’s mission through generosity that imitates God’s generosity. Discover deep joy and life’s meaning by promoting divine purposes on Earth. Listen to the testimonies of those who are responding and follow your soul’s yearning to come home to God’s grace and generosity.

The life of a disciple takes time and energy. How will you make time to achieve your identified goals? How will you practically and generously make these a priority? What will you remove or adjust in your life to make room for the action you are being called to take? Write three steps you will take on the next tier of your spiral, representing removing them from your priority list and making room on your journey for what matters most.

5. Oneness and equality in Christ do not mean uniformity. They mean unity in diversity and relating in Christ-like love to the circumstances of others as if they were one’s own. They also mean full opportunity for people to experience human worth and related rights, including expressing God-given giftedness through the church community.

Develop your team of support. Who around you shares your passions and sees the need for action where you do? Who is strong in the areas you are not? List the names of three people you will share your priorities with and invite to join you on your journey around the outside of the spiral.

Ask them to hold you accountable to your goals. Check in with these people after one week, one month, three months, six months, or more to share your journey of pursuing your goals.

Invite people to keep their spirals as a reminder of their commitment to action. Ask them to keep or post them as a daily reminder of their discipleship priorities.

Focus Moment

Referring to their spirals, ask participants the following questions in a discussion about commitments, goals, and community living.

- What is a goal?
- What is a commitment?
- What does it mean to hold someone accountable to his or her goals?

Ask a few to share the goals they wrote on the spirals or some of their other goals.

- How will your goals make a positive difference in the world?
- Whom are you going to ask to hold you accountable to your goals?
- What is a community?

A community, like our faith community and the people here at this place, includes people we can ask to help us achieve our goals. By sharing our goals with one another, we can help everyone be successful by asking for help when we are struggling. When we work on our goals together, and collaborate with one another, we can make an even bigger difference in the world.

Song of Action

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me” CCS 581
OR “Christ Has Called Us to New Visions” CCS 566

Message of Challenge

The message for a commitment service instills a sense of inspiration, motivation, and encouragement for the congregants to discern their calling, choose a direction, and design a path to goal achievement. This message affirms the worth and abilities of all to achieve their identified priorities in the Call to Action and provide support and encouragement on their continuing journey!
Disciples’ Generous Response

Our call to action, to live and share God’s love, requires the generosity of each of us. Our personal and generous investment of time, energy, and money is essential to make our dreams, goals, and priorities a reality. It is up to us to make it happen. It is up to us to give generously, individually, to promote “divine purposes on earth” (words of counsel presented at the 2013 World Conference) as a community. If you sincerely believe in the need for God’s love in the areas you identified, invest in your own plan of action locally. Invest in the initiatives of one another and the worldwide church community by sharing equally in your giving to both local and worldwide mission tithes. Together, through our generosity, you can support the goals of the person sitting next to you and our community mission to become true examples of Christ’s mission across the world.

Prayer of Blessing

As the offering is being received, play one of these videos. Invite people to sing along.

“Matthew West—Do Something” www.youtube.com/watch?v=b_RjndG0IX8

“Matthew West—My Own Little World” www.youtube.com/watch?v=M9Yasgzjc0w

OR Congregational Hymn “Kanisa Litajengwa (Oh, Who Will Build the Church Now?)” CCS 338

Closing Prayer for Peace and Mission

Offer a prayer for peace in our hearts and in our world. Pray not only for peaceable acts and awareness of those in need, but also for the courage of our community, both collectively and individually, to step out in faith, together, in active response, sharing their missional passion in the places where they live, work, and play.

Song of Sending Forth

“We Are a Family of Faith” CCS 350

OR “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing” CCS 648

OR “Kanisa Litajengwa (Oh, Who Will Build the Church Now?)” CCS 338