

# THE WORSHIP JOURNAL

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## CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: When we are surrounded on every side, wondering which way is up and which way is down...

**People: Help us, God, for the glory of your name.**

Leader: When we question which way to go and how to follow God's path for us...

**People: Help us, God, for the glory of your name.**

Leader: When we find our rest in God and long for others to know the sweet peace of God's embrace...

**People: Help us, God, for the glory of your name.**

Leader: Today, as we gather for worship, may we come ready to listen and discern God's help that meets us right where we are.

**People: Help us, God, to receive your help and to extend your help to our neighbors, all for the glory of your name.**



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## **OPENING HYMN: To God Be the Glory (UMH 98)**

1. To God be the glory, great things he hath done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory, great things he hath done!

2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
to every believer the promise of God;  
the vilest offender who truly believes,  
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. (Refrain)

3. Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,  
and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;  
but purer, and higher, and greater will be  
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (Refrain)



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## **PRAYER HYMN:** Take My Life, and Let It Be (UMH 399)

1. Take my life, and let it be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee.  
Take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.  
Take my hands, and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love.  
Take my feet, and let them be  
swift and beautiful for thee.

2. Take my voice, and let me sing  
always, only, for my King.  
Take my lips, and let them be  
filled with messages from thee.  
Take my silver and my gold;  
not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect, and use  
every power as thou shalt choose.

3. Take my will, and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne.  
Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure-store.  
Take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.



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## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 trespasses  
as we forgive those who  
trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil,  
for thine is the kingdom,  
and the power  
and the glory forever. Amen



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## PSALM READING – Psalm 79:1-9

The nations have come into your inheritance, God!

They've defiled your holy temple.

They've made Jerusalem a bunch of ruins.

2 They've left your servants' bodies  
as food for the birds;

they've left the flesh of your faithful  
to the wild animals of the earth.

3 They've poured out the blood of the faithful  
like water all around Jerusalem,  
and there's no one left to bury them.

4 We've become a joke to our neighbors,  
nothing but objects of ridicule  
and disapproval to those around us.

5 How long will you rage, Lord? Forever?  
How long will your anger burn like fire?

6 Pour out your wrath on the nations  
who don't know you,  
on the kingdoms  
that haven't called on your name.

7 They've devoured Jacob  
and demolished his pasture.

8 Don't remember the iniquities of past generations;  
let your compassion hurry to meet us  
because we've been brought so low.

9 God of our salvation, help us  
for the glory of your name!  
Deliver us and cover our sins  
for the sake of your name!



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## Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;\* the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\*\* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen



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## CLOSING HYMN: O Church of God, United (UMH 547)

1 O church of God, united  
to serve one common Lord,  
proclaim to all one message,  
with hearts in glad accord.  
Christ ever goes before us;  
we follow day by day  
with strong and eager footsteps  
along the upward way.

2 From every land and nation  
the ordered ranks appear;  
to serve one valiant leader  
they come from far and near.  
They chant their one confession,  
they praise one living Lord,  
and place their sure dependence  
upon his saving word.

3 Though creeds and tongues may  
differ,  
they speak, O Christ, of thee;  
and in thy loving spirit  
we shall one people be.  
Lord, may our faithful service  
and singleness of aim  
proclaim to all the power  
of thy redeeming name.

4 May thy great prayer be answered  
that we may all be one,  
close bound, by love united  
in thee, God's blessed Son:  
to bring a single witness,  
to make the pathway bright,  
that souls which grope in darkness  
may find the one true light.

## BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER

God of new beginnings and second chances. When your son, Jesus the Christ gave his life for us, the veil of separation was torn. Breakthrough all that would keep us separate from one another, from our neighbors, and from you that we may be one just as you and the Father are one. Lead us now into your beloved community where our identity is rooted in Christ alone.

