

# THE WORSHIP JOURNAL

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## CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: We come seeking refuge in a world where goodness and good news can feel far away.

**People: God is our hope and our refuge.**

Leader: We come searching for safety in a world that often calls foolishness wisdom and wisdom foolishness.

**People: God is our hope and our refuge.**

Leader: We come longing for rest in a world that bombards us with all the ways people work against the abundant life and flourishing of their neighbors.

**People: God is our hope and our refuge.**

Leader: Come, children of God, to find refuge and hope in God who delivers and restores us.

**People: May God teach us and guide us to find refuge and be refuge with and for our neighbors today and every day.**



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## OPENING HYMN: Amazing Grace (UMH 378)

1. Amazing grace! How sweet the  
sound  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found;  
was blind, but now I see.

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to  
fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed.

3. Through many dangers, toils, and  
snares,  
I have already come;  
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus  
far,  
and grace will lead me home.

4. The Lord has promised good to me,  
his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be,  
as long as life endures.

5. Yea, when this flesh and heart shall  
fail,  
and mortal life shall cease,  
I shall possess, within the veil,  
a life of joy and peace.

6. When we've been there ten  
thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we'd first begun.



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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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## RESPONSIVE READING – Psalm 14

Leader: Fools say in their hearts, “there is no God.”

**People: They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds, there is none that does good.**

Leader: The Lord looks down from heaven on all people, to see if there are any that are wise, who seek after God.

**People: They have all gone astray, they are all alike perverse; There is none that does good, no, not one.**

Leader: Have they no knowledge, the evil doers who eat up my people as they eat bread, and do not call upon the Lord?

**People: There they shall be in great terror, for God is with the generation of the righteous.**

Leader: You would confound the plans of the poor, but the Lord is their refuge.

**People: O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion! When the Lord restores their fortunes, Jacob shall rejoice and Israel shall be glad!**



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## GOSPEL READING – Luke 15:3-7

3 Then Jesus told them this parable: 4 “Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn’t he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? 5 And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders 6 and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’ 7 I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

## 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: My Hope Is Built (UMH 368)**

1. My hope is built on nothing less  
than Jesus' blood and righteousness.  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ the solid rock I stand,  
all other ground is sinking sand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.

2. When darkness veils his lovely face,  
I rest on his unchanging grace.  
In every high and stormy gale,  
my anchor holds within the veil.  
(Refrain)

3. His oath, his covenant, his blood  
supports me in the whelming flood.  
When all around my soul gives way,  
he then is all my hope and stay.  
(Refrain)

4. When he shall come with trumpet sound,  
O may I then in him be found!  
Dressed in his righteousness alone,  
faultless to stand before the throne!  
(Refrain)



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## **BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER**

God of new beginnings and second chances. Your son, Jesus the Christ walked beside the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. In their sense of loss and confusion, you guided their minds and hearts. Guide us now as we journey down this path. Breakthrough our inability to see and open our eyes that we may recognize your presence and set our hearts to burning with passion for your mission and the future you are leading us into.



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