

A Weekly Guide for Planning Corporate Worship

“For years, my worship planning involved several independent and sometimes unrelated choices. I found myself spending a lot of time searching for a psalm as a call to worship or for a Scripture reading or prayer that would flow out of a couple of opening songs. I used to comb through resources looking for an affirmation of faith based on the sermon text for that Sunday.”

- *Lectionary Journey*

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“The older I get the less creative I become in my life of worship and prayer. Likewise, the less pressure I feel to ‘bring my best’ to God, as if he was somehow measuring my prayers with a yardstick. I have made this shift because of a later in life discovery of the rich tradition of church liturgy, built around the words of Scripture and the rhythms of the church calendar. The benefit of this approach is that formative devotion from the outside (shaped by the words of God) takes the place of innovative prayer from the inside (shaped by the insights of man). This is a wonderful way of ensuring that the whole counsel of God is not only preached from our pulpits, but also through our worship and devotional liturgies.”

- Scott Sauls, *Lectionary Journey* (Foreword), pg. ix.

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- The Fourfold Order of Worship
 - Gathering, Word, Response/Table, Sending
- The RCL Can Inform All of the Elements of a Worship Service
 - Call to Worship
 - Prayers of Confession & Assurance of Forgiveness
 - Prayers of Intercession
 - Prayer for Illumination
 - Sermon
 - Affirmations of Faith
 - Testimonies
 - Offering
 - Sending

LENGTH TITLE



PRE-SERVICE

30:00 Doors Open and Slides
Pre-Service slides and Music

GATHERING

1:00 **Worship Intro**
"It's Time" Video

0:20 **Greeting**
Paxson

1:00 **Call to Worship**
Psalm 27:4, 6 (NRSV)

🔗 1

4:22 **House of the Lord** **F**

🔗 12

3:48 **There Is Power** **Bb**

🔗 6

1:00 **Prayer of Renewal**
Based on Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27:1, 14 (NRSV)

🔗 1

4:57 **I Will Wait for You (Psalm 130)** **G**

🔗 12

2:00 **Dismiss Children | Greeting Time**

⋮ MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

⋮ 3:00 **Welcome & Announcements**
Jonathan
- Digital Connect Card
- Living Free | Tuesday evenings | 6:00pm | Church office

⋮ 4:00 **FCA Highlight**
Jonathan and Zach

⋮ WORD 

⋮ 3:00 **Scripture Reading & Prayer**
Jonathan | Acts 8:1-8 (ESV)

⋮ 35:00 **Sermon**
Jerry

⋮ RESPONSE

⋮ 1:00 **Verbal Transition**
Paxson

⋮ 4:00 **The Church's One Foundation** 
Paxson speak after V1&2
Start Click for V3  4

⋮ 3:00 **Prayers of the People**  1

⋮ SENDING

⋮ 1:00 **Benediction**
Jerry | Care & Connect tables | Stack chairs

⋮ POST-SERVICE

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Worship Aids for Sunday, March 27, 2022
Fourth Sunday in Lent | Year C

LECTIONARY READINGS

Joshua 5:9-12 | Psalm 32 | 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 | Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

CALL TO WORSHIP | Psalm 32:11

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous.

Shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION | Based on Psalm 32:7-9; Luke 15:11-32

Merciful God, we confess that our hearts are often full of deceit.
You offer us counsel and instruction, but we do not listen to your word.
You offer us wisdom and peace, but our stubbornness, pride,
and short tempers keep us from true understanding.
Like the prodigal son, we can run after things that do not satisfy;
forgive our wayward hearts.
Like the elder brother, we can be self-righteous and ungrateful;
forgive our hard hearts.
Restore us, O God; be our hiding place;
preserve us from trouble; surround us with glad cries of deliverance.
In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | Based on 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

What do we believe concerning our new position in Christ?

We believe that if anyone is in Christ, that person is a new creation; everything old has passed away; everything has become new.

We believe that God has reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

We believe we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us. For our sake, we believe that God made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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Sunday, March 13, 2022

Second Sunday in Lent (Year C)

CALL TO WORSHIP | Psalm 27:4-6

PRAYER OF RENEWAL | Based on Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27:1, 14

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Sunday, July 11, 2021

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost | Proper 10 (Year B)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | Based on Ephesians 1:3-8

Sunday, July 25, 2021

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost | Proper 12 (Year B)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | Based on Psalm 145:13b-18

A Steady Rhythm for Spiritual Formation

“The strengths of the lectionary actually exert a dynamic, silent force. The more Christians gather around the Scripture, the stronger they grow in Christ... While initially this trend may not be easily detected, with time it will disseminate a formative influence much like yeast does to a piece of dough.”

- Tom Schwanda, *The Complete Library of Christian Worship, Vol. IV*

A Steady Rhythm for Spiritual Formation

“The church has been entrusted with the meaning of all time. The world does not know the meaning of its own history, but the church does. Through the discipline of the Christian year, the church proclaims the meaning of time and of the history of the world.”

- Robert E. Webber, *Ancient-Future Time*

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The Leavening Power of the Lectionary

Can be used for...

- Personal and/or family devotions
- The foundation for your small group Bible studies
- Framing your services
- Worship aids in your service (calls to worship, prayers, and affirmations of faith)

An Ecumenical Resource that Fosters Community within the Body of Christ

The lectionary connects us with the larger body of Christ. Utilizing this resource may open up doors and encourage you to identify other churches in your local community that follow the RCL.

Weekly zooms or in-person gatherings for worship collaboration

Lectionary Resources

- *Revised Common Lectionary (2012)*
- *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers*
- *Feasting on the Word – Commentaries and Worship Companion*
- *Connections: A Lectionary Commentary for Preaching and Worship*
- *Sundays and Seasons (Lutheran)*
- *Book of Common Worship (1993, 2018)*
- *Book of Common Prayer (1979)*
- *Worship in the Shape of Scripture, F. Russell Mitman*
- *Calls to Worship, Invocations, and Benedictions, Ryan Kelly*
- *When We Gather, James Kirk*



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