

Call to Worships and Benedictions

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We invite you to take these with you and use them in your home congregations as we expand the table that unites each of us to God, Christ, the Spirit, and one another.

Worship #1

Calls to worship

The table has been set, and the spirit calls us into the feast.

Let us set aside every distraction to be present to this time of worship.

Let us lay down every burden that keeps us from taking a place at this table.

The table has been set, and the spirit call us into the feast.

Let us come to this table knowing that we are welcomed here just as we are.

Let us come to worship.

OR

God wants a full house with a crowded table. There is room here for everyone.

Come, just as you are; join with siblings in Christ from every corner of the state.

We will worship God from Phelps to Wickliffe, from Covington to Tompkinsville.

We will worship God from the Mississippi River to the Cumberland Plateau.

Benediction

We were called to this feast, not because we are worthy, but because the One we gather to worship is.

We were called to this feast as guests, and there is still room.

Fed and nourished may we also head out into the roads and lanes to let everyone know about what extravagant generosity God has for all.

OR

Call to Worship

One: We have been invited to eat with God,

At God table, In God's realm.

There is nothing else for us to do.

There is nowhere else we need to be.

There is more than enough

time, room and nourishment,

For those who accept the invitation.

Do you receive God's hospitality and welcome?

ALL: YES! We accept the invitation!

One: Do you want a seat at this table
Where all are welcomed,
There is room enough for everyone,
Where the lost can be found,
And the hungry can be filled?

ALL: YES! We want a seat at God's table!

One: Will you let go and leave behind
your to do lists, your burdens, your other plans
in order to be fully present
and fully nourished
by the food only God can provide?

ALL: YES! We are hungry for God's banquet!

One: Let us sing and pray and eat together at God's welcome table!

Benediction: The banquet has only begun! May you share God's invitation with
those you encounter. May you make room at the table of plenty for all to join!
May you stay hungry for the food only God can provide!

Worship #2

Call to Worship:

The banquet has been prepared.
In many places, at many tables.
With flatbread and lavash,
Cornbread and bao buns,
Injera and naan,
Tortillas and baguettes.
When we gather to worship
at the welcome table,
the banquet of God,
we join with our brothers and sisters
from around the world
who teach us about our connectedness
and a deep well of compassion,
We join together,
sharing the joy of song,

the comfort of prayer,
the wisdom of God's holy word,
the welcome at God's table.
Because the banquet is ready,
You are invited to join the feast!

Benediction:

May you go from this place, nourished and fed, filled to the brim with God's love and compassion, may your own cup overflow sharing that compassion with our churches, our communities and all of God's beautiful world.

Worship #3

Call to Worship

God our Most Gracious Host,

Has prepared a table

Full of good things

For you, and for me.

God offers us the holy nourishment

Of never-ending grace,

Abundant mercy

Everlasting presence

And love that has no end.

Let us give back to God our

Songs of joy,

Prayers of the faithful,

Listen closely to our

scriptures full of wisdom,

and preachers proclaiming hope.

So that we all leave satisfied

When we join together at

the table that stretches

From here to eternity/everlasting life/eternal life

Benediction

Now that we are filled and fed at God's table here, nourished and named by worship and fellowship, let us not keep the good news of this banquet to ourselves. May we set tables all across the region, in cities and small towns, in parks and on playgrounds, in city squares and valleys and mountains, may they be filled to overflowing with God's love and invitation to one and all.

Prayer:

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Let us lay down every burden that keeps us from taking a place at this table.

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Come, just as you are; join with our siblings in Christ
from every corner of the commonwealth.

We will worship God from Phelps to Wickliffe, from Covington to Tompkinsville.

We will worship God from the Mississippi River to the Cumberland Plateau.

God has provided, let us offer God our praise and prayers.