

Non-Verbal Responsive Liturgy

Take a Look Around

One: Take a look around.

What do you see that embodies and symbolizes the church for you?

A favorite stained-glass window?

The baptismal font?

The communion table?

The cross?

(you can add in elements specific to your worship space)

Pick one object or area.

(give people a moment to settle on one)

I invite you keep your focus there as we pray.

Gracious God, we love this place.

It holds special memories and sacred moments

We know this is not your sole residence, but we are drawn to this place as one where we encounter you.

Help us to be who are here out in your world

Help to expand our experience of the holy

May we see symbols of you at the grocery store and the auto repair shop

In our schools and in our workplaces

Wherever we go, may we seek you and seek to be the people you call us to be.

Amen

Planted Firmly

Invite people to stand (or sit with their feet on the ground) and to spend a moment feeling the ground beneath their feet, wiggle their toes, stand on tiptoe and imagine all the other feet that have passed through this place)

One: God of the earth, we come to you with our feet planted firmly on the ground

Connected to Your creation and connected to You

You, who sent your only Son to walk the earth on human feet.

Mary, brother of Lazarus, whom you raised from the dead, fell at your feet

Jairus, whose daughter you saved, fell at your feet

The Samaritan Leper you healed fell at your feet

But your feet never stayed still for long.

They logged miles of teaching, healing, redeeming and transforming

They walked all the way to the cross and then walked right out of the grave.

Bless our feet

Move our feet

Help us to walk in Your way and to bring Your light and love to a world that desperately needs it.

Amen.

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Directional Call to Worship

You'll need to know which way to face North, South, East and West in your worship space and share that with your congregation.

We come from the West

(congregation turns to the West)

We come from busy lives and on borrowed time

We come from the South

(congregation turns toward the South)

We come from hectic work weeks, chaotic school schedules and full family agendas

We come from the East

(congregation turns toward the East)

We come here expecting something, but not the same things

We come from the North

(congregation turns toward the North)

To gather together in this one place

May we revel together in the joy of the Lord, lifted by laughter and encouraged along The Way.

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Motion Response Prayer

Invite congregation to choose their own bodily expression of praise.

Head bowed in prayer.

Hands folded in prayer.

Hands raised in praise.

That will be their response to the words: Come and worship.

One: Whatever is holding you back, whatever is keeping you down, whatever is making you weak: leave it all behind you. Love has found you now.

Come and worship

All: (expression of worship)

One: Bring your hopes and your dreams. Bring your fears and your doubt. Now is the time to let it all out.

Come and worship

All: (expression of worship)

One Here you will find healing and peace and a love beyond anything you can imagine.

Come and worship

All: (expression of worship)

Come and worship

All: (expression of worship)

Come and worship

All: (expression of worship)

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Point and Pray

We come this morning, not to merely go through the motions of worship
Clear our minds

All: (point to temples)

That You would fill our thoughts

Focus our eyes

All: (point to eyes)

That we might see You

Open our ears

All: (point to ears)

That we might listen to You and to one another

We came not to put on a show of our devotion to you

But with humble and heart-shattered lives ready for your love

All: (place hand over heart)

Breathe holiness into our lungs and our lives

All: (with head bowed, inhale and exhale deeply)

Let us worship God

Really, truly and deeply.