



## 2016 Worship Resources

*These worship resources are appropriate for use any time of year, but are specifically designed for Pentecost Sunday, World Missions Day, or whenever the Stott-Wallace MISSIONARY Offering is to be received.*

### **Call to Worship (responsive)**

We are here to worship our God in spirit and in truth.

***May our singing and our praying be pleasing to God.***

We are here to learn more about who God is, and who we are called to be in the world.

***May our listening and our responding draw us closer to our Shepherd.***

We are here to commit ourselves to God, and go where God sends us.

***May our response to the Word compel us to go out into the world to share the love and grace of Jesus Christ with everyone we meet.***

Let us worship God with joy and thanksgiving!

### **Opening Prayer**

Come to us now, Holy Spirit, and fall afresh on us. Speak to us in the music, the Word, the silence, and the sermon. Fill us up with your love and passion. Move us out of our routines and ruts into your beautiful world so that we might fulfill our calling to be your faithful disciples. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

### **Call to Confession**

We have good intentions. We intend to get involved in ministries here at the church. We intend to reach out to a neighbor who is struggling with life circumstances. We intend to give money to various outreach projects. We intend to mend fences and broken relationships. We intend to do a lot of good things. But many times, our good intentions go unmet. Surely, we have some things to confess as we seek to live faith-filled lives.

### **Prayer of Confession (unison)**

***We confess our good intentions, O Lord. Help us to be more than just good intentions. We confess that we let distractions keep us from stepping up, and stepping out into your world to share the good news of Jesus. We confess that we let fear prevent us from going where you call us to go – into the lives of hurting people, into communities that are dangerous and unfamiliar, into countries where people are different from us. Send your Holy Spirit into our lives to blow away our fears and hesitations. Renew a right spirit within us as your faithful disciples. In the name of Jesus, our savior, we pray. Amen.***

### **Words of Assurance**

Here is the good news - in Christ Jesus, we have new life. When we acknowledge our human frailties and failings, we are in a position to be raised up into a new life, full of hope and great potential. Rejoice in the fresh start that you have and make all your good intentions a reality today. Thanks be to God!

### **Prayer of Dedication**

We have much for which to be thankful, Loving God. We bring before you today our tithes and offerings, as well as our very lives. Use these gifts for your work both in this church and around the world. We especially ask you to bless the Cumberland Presbyterian missionaries that will be receiving the benefits of the Stott-Wallace Missionary Offering. May they be encouraged by this act of support and love; may lives be transformed through their ministries in far-flung places; may your kingdom grow and blossom through the work of your Holy Spirit and these gifts. Thank you for the faithful work of missionaries both now and in the past. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

### **Affirmation of Faith Litany for World Missions Day (responsive)**

We believe that you have called people serve you, O God, throughout all generations

*You called Isaiah to speak your words,  
You called Ruth to speak up for your people,  
You called Moses to lead your people out of slavery,  
You called Mary to bear your own son,  
You called the disciples to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ,  
You called Dorcas to do good works and help the poor.*

We believe that you have called Cumberland Presbyterians to share your love and grace throughout the world, doing good and helping the poor.

*You called the early founders of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church to go in a new direction and a new denomination was born,  
You called early missionaries to leave their homes and go to a new country to spread the gospel story.  
You called Buddy and Beverly Stott to go to Japan to serve you and the Japanese people, a work that was started 138 years ago.  
You called Beth and Boyce Wallace to go to Colombia to serve you and the Colombian people, a work that was started 90 years ago.*

We believe that through the movement of your Holy Spirit, you continue to call your disciples to go into the world, doing good and helping the poor.

*You call us to Guatemala, and Brazil, and Japan, and Cambodia, and the Philippines,  
You call us to South Korea, and Mexico, and places yet unnamed.  
You call us to schools, and community centers, back alleys, and hospitals.  
You call us to places we cannot yet imagine.  
You call and we go.*

We believe that when you call us to go, you will go with us, Faithful God. This we believe and upon this assurance we go. Amen

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