

IW Sunday October 25, 2026

Worship Resources

Theme: New Creation – God is creating something beautiful in us and with us in the global church that will bless all of creation.

Scripture Theme: Isaiah 65:17-25, 2 Corinthians 5:17-20, Revelation 21:1-5

Music Suggestions

Gathering:

VT 6 Let's Walk Together

VT 1 Summoned by the God Who Made Us

Proclaiming:

VT 797 We are People of God's Peace

VT 377 New Earth, Heavens New

Praying:

VT 827 Move in our Midst

VT 393 Build Your Kingdom Here

Sending:

VT 849 we, Your People, Sing Your Praises

VT 809 Sing a New World into Being

Prayers:

Call to Worship: <https://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/82/24213>

Offering: <https://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/82/21415>

Offering:

Creator God, You call us to be glad and rejoice forever in what you are creating. In joy, we offer our time, our gifts, our creativity, our love, and our finances to join in with what you are creating all over the world. Accept our offering, we pray, in the name of Jesus, Amen. (taken from <https://www.commonword.ca/FileDownload/13018/Equip2010-07%2608WRMissionSunLONG.pdf>)

Prayers of the People (taken from <https://www.commonword.ca/FileDownload/13018/Equip2010-07%2608WRMissionSunLONG.pdf>)

Note: These prayers are adapted from the model used in "Call to Intercession" in Take our Moments and our Days: An Anabaptist Prayer Book.

1. You may use the following prayers, adapting them to suit your congregation:

- The pastor or another individual can insert prayers beforehand that reflect the life and concerns of the church and then read the prayers with instruction to the congregation to respond after "In your mercy," with "Lord, hear our prayer."

- The pastor or another individual collects the items and the prayer requests of the congregation from a time of sharing in the service and expresses them in the appropriate places.

- A smaller congregation may choose to allow individuals to speak their specific prayers in the spaces allowed.

Prayer

Our loving and faithful God, you call us to join in with you as you are creating your Kingdom, through the power of your Spirit and the life of Christ in us. We are glad and rejoice in what you are creating! Thank you...
(open prayers)

In your mercy, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Your wells of salvation are brimming with joy. We pray for ourselves...(that we would find your joy to be our strength and not grow weary in well-doing).
(open prayers)

In your mercy, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

You are ready to be found. We pray for our community and for our neighbours...(that your kingdom would come) *(open prayers)*
In your mercy, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

You give words and wisdom. We pray for the church in all places, especially our brothers and sisters who experience great cost and suffering as they make known your deeds in the nations.

(open prayers)

In your mercy, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

You judge the earth with righteousness and the earth with equity. We pray for the world, for peacemakers and for all who serve in the name of Christ.
(open prayers)

In your mercy, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

You are present to us in your steadfast love and faithfulness. We offer you other concerns we carry in our hearts.
(open prayers)
In your mercy, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

In the name of the one who taught us to pray... *Conclude with the Lord's prayer*

Repentance and Reconciliation: VT 938, VT 888

Sending: VT 1050 From where we are to where you need us:

Scripture reading: VT 339 Revelation 21:1-5
VT 785 2 Corinthians 5:17-20

Children's Story:

Book: <https://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/82/11770>

God's Dream by Bishop Desmond Tutu and Douglas Carlton Abrams