

Call to Worship

Year B, Pentecost 5

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This is a Call to Worship, using 2 Corinthians 6:1-13 to encourage engagement with the theme “Hearts open to God”
Use this resource to lead people into worship times.

<p>You will need:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large cardboard heart, folded in half (approximately 1 m2) • Old watch (or cardboard prop) • Tissues • Pictures from newspapers/Time magazine/National Geographic of afflictions wars, calamities, beatings imprisonment, hunger, poverty, riots, families, world events • Lengths of blue yarn • Glue sticks • Sturdy wire, poked through the cardboard from behind to create ‘hooks’ • fake money • Call to worship liturgy displayed on screen (included in the Visions and Voices Resources Zip) • 4 people to voice the spoken liturgy – have them call out in a loud voice from their place in the seats
<p>Time required:</p>	<p>3 minutes</p>

Instructions

Display the large cardboard heart on an easel, steadied by a volunteer who will keep it sturdy throughout the process.

Begin with the heart closed; opening it as the spoken liturgy begins.

During the spoken liturgy arrange for people to bring forward the items and pictures and glue or wire them inside the heart.

Spoken Liturgy

<p>Voice 1: Open wide your hearts All: We open our hearts Voice 2: Now is the time! Voice 3: No obstacle in anyone's way Voice 4: No restrictions</p>	<p><i>open large cardboard heart</i></p> <p><i>add old watch, using wire to attach</i></p>
<p>Voice 1: Open wide your hearts to let the love of God pour in All: We open our hearts Voice 2: Now is the time! Voice 3: No obstacle in anyone's way Voice 4: No restrictions</p>	<p><i>Add blue yard using wire to anchor it in swirling patterns</i></p>
<p>Voice 1: Open wide your hearts to pour out thanks and praise All: We open our hearts Voice 2: Now is the time! Voice 3: No obstacle in anyone's way Voice 4: No restrictions</p>	
<p>Voice 1 :Open wide your hearts to hear the voice of God today All: We open our hearts Voice 2: Now is the time! Voice 3: No obstacle in anyone's way Voice 4: No restrictions</p>	
<p>Voice 1 :Open wide your hearts to one another as the family of God All: We open our hearts Voice 2: Now is the time! Voice 3: No obstacle in anyone's way Voice 4: No restrictions</p>	<p><i>Add pictures of families</i></p>
<p>Voice 1 :Open wide your hearts in compassion for the world All: We open our hearts Voice 2: Now is the time! Voice 3: No obstacle in anyone's way Voice 4: No restrictions</p>	<p><i>Add pictures of world events</i></p>
<p>Voice 1 :Open wide your hearts for forgiveness and healing All: We open our hearts Voice 2: Now is the time! Voice 3: No obstacle in anyone's way Voice 4: No restrictions</p>	<p><i>Add more blue yarn</i></p>



Voice 1: We bring our hearts heavy with calamities hardships and afflictions All: We open our hearts	Add pictures of calamities and disasters
Voice 1: We bring our hearts to know purity, patience, and the power of God All: We bring our hearts	Add more blue yarn
Voice 1: We bring our hearts to grow in kindness, genuine love, truthful speech, and holiness of spirit, All: We bring our hearts	
Voice 1: We open wide our hearts for God is here All: We open our hearts Voice 2: Now is the time! Voice 3: No obstacle in anyone's way Voice 4: No restrictions	

Optional Extension - later in your gathering as you read 2 Corinthians 6:1-13, you might like to look at the phrases drawn from the Call to Worship and notice the way the Bible text has been used to create a prayer.

What other phrases from the passage could you turn into a prayer?

