

30 Years

OF FAITH IN ACTION

A LITURGY GUIDE OF FAITH



Global Ministries

**Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
and the United Church of Christ**

Call to Worship

One: God of Unity, your Son, Jesus, prayed that your disciples and followers would be one, as you are one.

Many: Lead us into a life worthy of our calling.

One: Teach us, your servants, to walk with humility and gentleness, with patience, and with love and hope for one another even though we may speak, live, and pray differently.

Many: Lead us into a life worthy of our calling.

One: Bless the global church and bless the faithful people everywhere who share your Good News with others.

Many: Lead us into a life worthy of our calling.

All: Let us praise God who brings us together to worship in love and unity. We remain strong in our faith knowing that we belong to God. Amen.

Adapted from the World Day of Prayer 2024 Palestine Worship Service

Opening Prayer

Living God, through you, we know all things are possible. Open our hearts to your word today and the ways you call us to live and serve throughout our lives. Today, we celebrate 30 years of the common global mission work done by the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and United Church of Christ through Global Ministries. May we continue to walk together in faith and hope for the future, knowing that you are with us. Guide us to continue living out your call every day and help us to fill our lives with love, hope, patience, and humility. Amen.

Scripture – Ephesians 4:1-6

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Creator of earth and sky and sea,

We lift a prayer of thanksgiving for the Pacific region, a beautiful place of islands and ocean, of people and creatures, of holy blues and vibrant greens, a vast, and yet fragile, global space encompassing worlds known and unknown, and slowly disappearing.

We look with wonder upon your atolls and reefs, teeming with fish and plants, a whole world waving slowly below the surface of the waters. We let our imaginations move even deeper to the depths of the ocean, those places where light barely shines, and yet your creative hand brings forth diverse and abundant life, so different from our own. We lift our gratitude for island lands capable of bringing forth bounty that nourishes our bodies for the work of each day, the cassava, taro, papaya, mango. We see with awe the vast variety of life in all its many forms, the lizards and spiders scurrying, the birds with their cacophony of songs and calls, the bats flying high and low on their nightly patrol, the flowers of every kind spilling over walls.

We see all this beauty and yet we recognize the great harm being done to your creation. May we come to see our role in environmental degradation, our waste and pollution of the oceans, our scavenging for resources that leaves devastation in its wake, our disregard for the people who depend on these ocean waters for their lives and their livelihood. May we recognize, lament and then give thanks for your holy guidance as we move into a new, undiscovered future, one of wholeness and care for all of God's creation. Amen.

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Benediction

God of us all, as we go out from this place, bless us here and all around the world. Give your peace and your love to us, your servants, that we may be united in the bond of peace, in one body and one spirit, in one hope of our calling, in your divine and boundless love. Amen.

Hymn Suggestions

In Christ There Is No East or West

Blessed Be the Tie That Binds

The Church's One Foundation

Spirit of Love

Here I Am, Lord

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