

Worship Where You Are

(mobile liturgy)

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Sabbath

1. Sabbath breaks our normal routines inviting us to wait on the Spirit.
2. Sabbath frames the time and place where we are as sacred moments and holy ground.
3. Sabbath sits with our inner noises so as to silence or attend to them.
4. Sabbath opens the Scriptures, trusts the Spirit, and dwells in community.
5. Sabbath abides in the prayers, prose, and poetry of our common faith.
6. Sabbath offers our soul, body, and mind to God. Sabbath is not consumptive.
7. Sabbath sends us out into the world to build God's kin-dom!

GATHERING

Come and center yourself in worship by praying:

Holy God, help us to be present in worship this day even as You are present. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Take a moment to acknowledge God's presence in the space around you. Frame your space for worship. Light a candle, take a deep breath, make an impromptu altar! After claiming the space around you for worship, we invite you to pray:

God of the prophets, call to us today

Call us into Your ways of love and justice,

God of the poets, remind us again how much You love us

Sing to us Your ways of love and justice,

God of the disciples, teach us how to follow You

Teach us Your ways of love and justice,

God of all creation, we worship You!*

PASSING THE PEACE Know that the Peace of Christ is with you wherever you are.

Music engages our minds, hearts, and bodies in ways of worship that words alone might not. Sing where you are, join our livestream, or sing along with another song of praise.

ANTHEM

The Lord Is My Shepherd

Henry Smart

The Lord is my Shepherd, I never shall want, for lack of His mercies, my soul shall not pant;
in pleasant green pastures I daily abide, He leads me the peaceful still waters beside.
My soul He restoreth, and for His Name's sake, the path of true righteousness bids me to take;
yea, though I pass through death's dark valley and shade, I will not by evil be ever dismayed.

The Lord is my Shepherd, I never shall want!

For thou art my Shepherd and with me always, Thy rod and Thy staff are my comfort and stay;
my table Thou spreadest in presence of foes, my head thou anointest, my cup overflows;

Thy goodness and mercy shall follow me still, while life's earnest duties I daily fulfill;
till joyous my spirit shall claim its reward, and dwell evermore in the house of the Lord,
the Lord is my Shepherd, I never shall want!

SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Since we work together with him, we are also begging you not to receive the grace of God in vain. He says, I listened to you at the right time, and I helped you on the day of salvation. Look, now is the right time! Look, now is the day of salvation! We don't give anyone any reason to be offended about anything so that our

ministry won't be criticized. Instead, we commend ourselves as ministers of God in every way. We did this with our great endurance through problems, disasters, and stressful situations. We went through beatings, imprisonments, and riots. We experienced hard work, sleepless nights, and hunger. We displayed purity, knowledge, patience, and generosity. We served with the Holy Spirit, genuine love, telling the truth, and God's power. We carried the weapons of righteousness in our right hand and our left hand. We were treated with honor and dishonor and with verbal abuse and good evaluation. We were seen as both fake and real, as unknown and well known, as dying—and look, we are alive! We were seen as punished but not killed, as going through pain but always happy, as poor but making many rich, and as having nothing but owning everything. Corinthians, we have spoken openly to you, and our hearts are wide open. There are no limits to the affection that we feel for you. You are the ones who placed boundaries on your affection for us. But as a fair trade—I'm talking to you like you are children—open your hearts wide too.

This is the word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

You can hear or read the sermon:

- Joining in the [live stream](#) on [Facebook](#).
- Download an audio recording of the sermon at belmontumc.org/worship/past-sunday-sermons
- Download a draft of the sermon manuscript at belmontumc.org/worship/past-sunday-sermons

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- What joys or heartaches do you need to lift to God?
 - What is God calling you to do?
- (You can let us know of particular prayer concerns or joys by emailing contactus@belmontumc.org)

Let us join with Christians across the world praying the prayer Jesus taught us:

**Our Father (Creator, Mother, Holy Parent, Holy One), who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.**

OFFERING

The offering of ourselves to God and one another is an essential part of any worship service. We respond to God's generous grace by giving ourselves to God's kin-dom on earth as in heaven. You can give by mailing a check to the church (Box 120098, Nashville, 37212), giving online at belmontumc.org/give, or by texting BELMONT to 73256. The offering reminds us that we give ourselves to God. How will you give yourself to God's kin-dom this week?

BENEDICTION

May we go forth in love and service, knowing humility as a close friend,
and giving God the praise in all things.
Amen.

*Adapted from a prayer written by Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell, posted on her Rev-o-lution blog.