

National Junior High Sunday
November 4, 2007

Worship Resources

Calls to Worship

By Russell Jensen

One: God welcomes us to this place of worship.

All: We stand on holy ground!

One: God smiles on and through everyone here.

All: We are among friends!

One: God knows and understands each one of us.

All: We have nothing to hide!

One: God calls us to consider our options.

All: We are free to choose!

One: God respects our choices.

All: We are loved!

All: Loving God, we receive your welcome and we welcome your presence.

Move among us and transform us. Help us see who Jesus is and give us the courage to follow.

By Wendi Hutchinson

Have you ever played the game 'follow the leader?' It's probably been awhile, huh? But we follow leaders every day. Think about it: we follow the lead of our parents by listening to their advice and rules; we follow advertisements by buying products from Coke, Pepsi, Nike, Verizon, Abercrombie, Microsoft and McDonald's; we follow the lead of our peers in how we spend our free time. But as Christians, we're called to follow Jesus. So what will you choose to do with the time you are given? Are you following the ways of the world or are you following Jesus?

Invocation

By David Steele

Oh God, as we worship, make yourself known to us at this moment for we cannot choose the time that we live in, yet we know that Jesus calls us to *choose what we do with the time we are given when he offers us the invitation to follow him.*

Our lives are about choices, yet we have chosen to be here. May that be a step in which we set aside the choices that pull us away from you and open our hearts to your word and to your call. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Guys: What have we to show a world that is crippled by greed and blinded by power?

Girls: We have a Savior whose strength is in serving and empowering others.

Guys: What have we to give to a world that aches for a sign of hope and promise?

Benediction

By Becky Ullom

Voice 1: The amazing race!

Voice 2: Continuing the work of Jesus.

1: Brethren, we have met to worship.

2: The amazing race!

1: Continuing the work of Jesus.

2: Hundreds of health kits.

1: The Global Food Crisis Fund.

2: Brethren Volunteer Service.

1: The amazing race.

2: National Youth Conference.

1: Christian Citizenship Seminar.

2: Continuing the work of Jesus.

1: Missionary work in the Dominican Republic and Nigeria.

2: Workcamps.

1: The amazing race.

2: I'm being changed for good.

1: Continuing the work of Jesus.

2: The amazing race.

1: Disciples of Christ, running the amazing race.

2: Disciples of Christ, continuing the work of Jesus.

1: But who are the disciples?

2: You!

1: Me?

2: You...and you and you and you and you and you!

1: And you!

2: All of us together, peacefully, simply, together.

1: All of us together, continuing the work of Jesus.

1 & 2: GO, CONTINUE THE WORK OF JESUS!

Challenge and Sending

By Becky Ullom

**May God deny you an easy peace,
and grant you instead, passion,
a revolutionary passion that spills over into the world
in acts of compassion and love, justice and integrity.
Go in the spirit and way of Christ,
who is our strength, our passion, and our true peace!**