

National Youth Conference 2022 Worship Resources

Foundational (Colossians 2: 5-7)

Saturday Evening (July 23) Call to Worship

By Bekah Houff, Worship Coordinator

We know that God has been and always will be present with us and present on this sacred holy ground.

The land to which we have arrived today is the traditional and ancestral homelands of the Arapaho, Cheyenne, and Ute Nations and peoples.

This land was also a site of trade, gathering, and healing for numerous other Native tribes.

We recognize the Indigenous peoples as original stewards of this land and all the relatives within it.

As these words of acknowledgment are spoken and heard, the ties Nations have to their traditional homelands are renewed and reaffirmed.

video version of CSU's statement: https://youtu.be/oS65_Ei6SOw (through the 1:14 mark)

One: The story of God and God's people continues today, on this sacred ground that has been foundational for so many people

ALL: Now this ground becomes part of our story.

One: You have brought pieces of home with you. Rocks that represent the land you come from and the people who have sent you here with their prayers and blessings. *(As the NYC band leads us in music, I invite you to send one representative from your church or location to bring your rock to the stage as we begin to build our foundation of this week – a foundation that God has solidly placed, built up by Christ, and filled with the Holy Spirit.)*

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Saturday Evening (July 23) Litany

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- Person 1: Foundational
- Person 2: We come from many places
- Person 3: Many churches, many towns, many states, many countries
- Person 4: we are 590 youth
- Person 5: we are 228 advisors
- Person 6: we are 104 staff people
- Person 7: we are 25 states and 4 countries
- Person 8: we differ in many ways
- Person 9: yet we all gather this week, one body in Christ
- ALL: Foundational
- Person 1: What makes up your foundation?
- Person 2: Family? Friends?
- Person 3: Church? School? Work?
- Person 4: *(with hands raised, looking up?)* God, YOU are my foundation
- Person 5: You formed me
- Person 6: You made me
- Person 7: You are with me, leading me
- Person 8: You have led us here
- Person 9: and we bring with us our communities who have been praying for and supporting us.
- ALL: Foundational
- Person 1: As we embark on this journey together may we remember that we are all fearfully and wonderfully made and rooted and built up in Christ.

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Saturday Evening (July 23) Prayer

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God of all places, of all people, of all hearts,
You have made us WONDERFULLY and you have set us on a path that is converging here, in this holy place.

We are surrounded by people we do not yet know but who are a part of us (Valarie Kaur)
– siblings in Christ from all over this nation and this world.
May our hearts begin to beat together, in rhythm, to this land and to one another.

Building this sacred community together, rock by rock, stone by stone,
remind us that you, God, are the foundation that keeps us solid,
the foundation that holds us up when we are afraid,
the foundation that supports us when we fall.

Holy Spirit, enliven this community!
Inspire our hearts to compassion
Animate our minds to be stretched to new places
Strengthen our feet to action

May our play, our learning, our work, and our worship be pleasing to you this week.

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our anchor, our tap root, our foundation.

AMEN.

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Saturday Evening (July 23) Sending/Blessing

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Go as a body built up in Christ

Solid in God, your maker

Filled by the Holy Spirit

Welcome to this sacred community.