

National Youth Conference 2022 Worship Resources

Foundational (Colossians 2: 5-7)

Sunday Evening (July 24) Call to Worship

By Shawn Flory Replogle, Worship Coordinator

Last night we heard about God's goodness and creative love for each one of us. In a world that doesn't always ask us to be our God-given best, we have been invited to remember that God knows us, God is with us, and God leads us.

This morning, we heard about the importance of taking Jesus seriously, which means balancing knowing Jesus through our study of scripture, and looking for a living, resurrected Jesus in the world.

Tonight, we are invited into this sacred space to consider our own images of Jesus. If he strolled up the concourse of Moby Arena, what would he look like? How tall would he be? What would he be wearing? How would he engage those of us around him?

What does this constructed picture of Jesus say...about Jesus? The answer is likely, nothing. Jesus is Jesus, without our need to shape and mold him into *OUR* image. Jesus – a true picture of Jesus – will always be bigger than our single perspectives, it will always be bigger than our human-made borders and expectations. *Tonight*, we are invited into relationship with Emmanuel, God-with-us.

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Sunday Evening (July 24) Opening Prayer

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Please pray with me:

God of the universe, God who counts the hairs on our heads,
We hope for you in this space.
Prepare us for your movement among us.

Give us the courage to journey with Jesus up the mountaintop
while laying aside our own preconceived expectations
that limit us from knowing Jesus more deeply.

Fill us with your Spirit – present in word, music and one another.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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Sunday Evening (July 24) Scripture Reading

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Matthew 17: 1-9

Narrator 1:

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white.

Narrator 2:

Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus,

Peter:

'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.'

Narrator 1:

While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said,

God: (off-stage voice...)

'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!'

Narrator 2:

When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying,

Jesus:

'Get up and do not be afraid.'

Narrator 1:

And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them,

Jesus:

'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'