

National Youth Conference 2022 Worship Resources

Foundational (Colossians 2: 5-7)

Tuesday Evening (July 26) Call to Worship

By Shawn Flory Replogle, Worship Coordinator

Reader 1: *(to the audience, in almost a monotone... slowly)* The end is near.

Reader 2: *(to "1", somewhat shocked)* What?!?

Reader 1: *(still to audience)* We are closer to the end than we are to the beginning.

Reader 2: What are you talking about?!

Reader 1: *(turning to "1")* Here it is Tuesday night of National Youth Conference already! There is still so much I want to do! I haven't made it to Morning Movement yet, or outdoor games, or any of the workshops based on *Encanto*, or board games. I haven't really gotten to know anyone new from west of the Mississippi River or taken time to just sit and enjoy the view of the mountains to the west, and tell God thank you for getting me to this place.

Reader 2: Oh! *THAT* end. You had me worried that there was something larger going on that I needed to know about!

Reader 1: No, it just feels like the end of NYC is coming too fast!

Reader 2: Well, it is true that we've had 6 worship services up this moment, and only 4 to go, including tonight. So, I guess you're right that we're over half way. But really, we're only *barely* halfway. There's still plenty of time to do some of the things you're passionate about!

Reader 1: *(reluctantly)* I guess you're right.

Reader 2: I think it's so great that you want to make sure not to miss anything. Just don't forget to not miss *THIS* moment. "*Right now.*"

All I'm saying is you've got time. It's good not to waste it, of course. Just

appreciate what God might be saying to you in this moment. To paraphrase Pastor Jody from last night, imagine God saying to you, "Can you appreciate the moment for just today?" (*PAUSE*) "Good. Now do that every day."

Reader 1: I think I'll start by going to appreciate that mountain view and thanking God for getting me here.

Reader 2: Maybe save the mountains for after Worship. We can do the thanking God right now.

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Please pray with me:

O God,

You have given us this life
You have given us this year
You have given us this month
You have given us this day
You have given us this moment
You have given us this breath.

(Pause long enough to take a deep breath yourself)

When we are told to “go, go, go”, we ask for the courage to say “no”.

We ask for the strength to recognize the need to pause.

We ask for the humility to lay down our expectations for how you will meet
us in this moment,
and open us to your Spirit’s movement.

With the knowledge and belief that you arrived before us,
help us to meet *YOU* in this space,
right here
right now.

In Jesus’ name we pray.

Amen.