Liturgical Pieces for Gather ‘16

*(italics = pastoral presence* / **bold = congregation**)

**Call to Worship for Thursday Evening**

*Christ is our leader, and as we gather in this place*

**we walk in his footsteps.**

*We have walked here from many places, from many walks of life,*

*to gather together in the Name of Christ.*

*We gather for mission.*

**We gather to worship our Lord.**

*We gather to proclaim his Name to the nations.*

 **We gather to lead as our Savior has led,**

*that many may know the Father’s will and live it,*

**that many will be set free in the Son,**

*that many will be empowered by the Spirit*

**to walk in the footsteps of Jesus—**

*people from every nation, tribe, and language*

**worshiping the Lord together as one.**

*Let us worship the Lord together as one*

 **and proclaim his glory to the ends of the earth. Hallelujah!**

**Call to Worship for Friday Evening**

*Christ is our leader, and as we gather in this place*

**we walk in his footsteps,**

*leading as servants,*

**leading through sacrifice,**

*leading with confidence in the Father,*

**leading in the power of the Spirit—**

*that we, the church, may be equipped to do the works of God,*

**that we would arise and shine with the light of Christ,**

*that we would set aside distractions and dissensions,*

**that we would live in the humility and love of our Savior,**

*that God would purify us and make us holy,*

**that we would more fully reflect his glory.**

*Let us worship the Lord and give him glory:*

 **Christ who died,**

 **Christ who arose,**

 **Christ who is coming again. Hallelujah!**

**Benediction for Thursday and Friday Evening**

*Christ is our leader, and as we go from this place*

**we walk in his footsteps**

*to lead as he has led,*

**to love as he has loved,**

*to live as he has lived,*

**and to lay down our lives that others may live.**

*Christ is our leader, and as we go from this place*

**may we walk in his footsteps this night, and always.**

*Go in the grace and peace of Christ. Amen.*

**Call to Worship for Friday Morning**

*Christ is our leader, and as we gather in this place we walk in the footsteps of Christ, who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; but made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant.*

*As we worship him today, may we remember that God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

(Philippians 2:6-7, 9-11)

**Benediction/Charge for Friday Morning**

*Christ is our leader, and as we have gathered in this place we continue to walk in the footsteps of Christ, who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; but made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant.*

*As we enter into the business God has brought us here for today, let us walk in his footsteps as humble servants. Let us be like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Let us do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility value others above ourselves, not looking to our own interests, but to the interests of others.*

*And as we do so, may God the Father and Christ our Savior grant us the grace and wisdom to walk in our Lord’s footsteps today, by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

(Philippians 2:6-7, 2-4)

**Call to Worship and Invocation for Saturday Morning**

*Christ is our leader, and as we gather in this place we walk in the footsteps of God, who always leads us in Christ’s triumphal procession and uses us to spread the aroma of the knowledge of him everywhere. Thanks be to God!*

 (2 Corinthians 2:14)

*Let us pray:*

*Lord, give us the grace to follow where you lead today. May we follow joyously, thankfully, and triumphantly in the procession you have begun by your saving work on the cross and through your resurrection from the dead. And as we follow you in death to self and resurrection to life in the Spirit, may we not be only followers, but leaders, leading others as you have led us. We pray this in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.*

**Benediction for Saturday Morning**

*Christ is our leader, and as we have gathered in this place we continue to walk in the footsteps of God who always leads us in Christ’s triumphal procession and uses us to spread the aroma of the knowledge of him everywhere. May the love of the Father, the grace of Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit be with us today as we continue the work of God’s Kingdom in our church and in the world. Amen.*

 (2 Corinthians 2:14)

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