Risen and Real: Resources for Intergenerational Worship

Call to Worship Pentecost Year B May 20 2018

What this is: Call to Worship
Where it's used: In any intergenerational gathering
Time: 2 minutes
Bible focus/theme: Pentecost; Acts 2:1-21; Romans 8:22-27
What's needed: Liturgy words displayed on screen, or printed copies for your gathering.

Instructions.

The text is set out in different colours to indicate which lines are said by the leader, some prepared individual voices or a small group, and the whole gathering together.

Worship Leader  Solo/Small Group 1  Solo/Small Group 2  Solo/Small Group 3  Whole Gathering

Arrange for different people to lead the lines in various colours ahead of time, and make sure they have their own copy of the liturgy with their part clearly marked. Just 3 volunteers would be enough, each reading one colour. But more people can be involved by dividing up all the lines. You might particularly like to include some very young children who can’t read, but can remember the shortest lines with someone to prompt them at the correct time. E.g.

Pray and Praise
Watch and Wonder
Love and Listen

Encourage all your readers to use strong clear voices.

Strengthen the visual expression of the text by organizing a small group of people to stand in a circle in an open and visible part of your worship space. Each time the line ‘Together in one place’ is spoken those in the circle take a step in towards one another. This will mean taking 11 steps inwards – so make sure your circle begins a fair distance apart so they don’t crash into each other.
CALL TO WORSHIP/GATHERING IN

We are here - Together in one place
Waiting expectantly - Together in one place
Wondering what God has for us to do – Together in one place
What shall we do now? – Together in one place

Pray and Praise
Watch and Wonder
Love and Listen

Remember the ways of Jesus
Recognise the Presence of the Lord
Risen and Real
With us here – Together in one place

We are here
Our eyes open
towards the heavens
Our eyes open
filled with visions of the young
and the dreams of the old
Our eyes open
to the see Spirit poured out on young and old, male and female, labourer and leader,
settler and asylum seeker, indigenous and immigrant.
Together in one place

Our Eyes open
as we see the Spirit of Jesus burning in each one of us
his story bursting from our mouths.

Our Mouths open
as we experience God transform our blabbing and babbling
into goodnews in many accents
his story bursting from our mouths.

Our Hearts open
as we encounter the grace and welcome of God
drawing us out to join with strangers of many places,
his story bursting from our mouths.
Together in one place

We are here - Together in one place
Waiting expectantly - Together in one place
Wondering what God has for us to do – Together in one place
What shall we do now? – Together in one place
Let us join in praise and thanksgiving together as the Spirit gives us breath and fire.