Visions and Voices:
Resources for Intergenerational Worship
June 24 Pentecost 5 Year B

What this is: Intergenerational Call to worship

Where it’s used: In any intergenerational gathering, Call to worship or response following reading of 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Time: 3 minutes

Bible focus/theme: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Hearts open to God.

What’s needed:
- Large Cardboard folded heart (approximately 1m²)
- Old watch
- Tissues
- Pictures from newspapers/Time magazine/National Geographic of afflictions wars, calamities, beatings imprisonment, hunger, poverty, riots, families, world events
- Lengths of blue yarn
- Glue sticks
- Sturdy wire, poked through the cardboard from behind to create ‘hooks’
- fake money
- Call to worship liturgy displayed on screen (see accompanying ppt slides)

Instructions

Display the large cardboard heart on an easel, steadied by a volunteer who will keep it sturdy throughout the process.

Begin with the heart closed; opening it as the spoken liturgy begins.

During the spoken liturgy arrange for people to bring forward the items and pictures and glue or wire them inside the heart.
Spoken Liturgy

Voice 1: Open wide your hearts
All: We open our hearts

Voice 2: Now is the time!
Voice 3: No obstacle in anyone’s way
Voice 4: No restrictions

Voice 1: Open wide your hearts
to let the love of God pour in
All: We open our hearts

Voice 2: Now is the time!
Voice 3: No obstacle in anyone’s way
Voice 4: No restrictions

Voice 1: Open wide your hearts
to pour out thanks and praise
All: We open our hearts

Voice 2: Now is the time!
Voice 3: No obstacle in anyone’s way
Voice 4: No restrictions

Voice 1: Open wide your hearts
to hear the voice of God today
All: We open our hearts

Voice 2: Now is the time!
Voice 3: No obstacle in anyone’s way
Voice 4: No restrictions

Voice 1: Open wide your hearts
to one another as the family of God
All: We open our hearts

Voice 2: Now is the time!
Voice 3: No obstacle in anyone’s way
Voice 4: No restrictions

open large cardboard heart
add old watch, using wire to attach
add blue yarn using wire to anchor it in swirling patterns on the insides flaps of the open ‘doors’
add pictures of families
Voice 1: Open wide your hearts in compassion for the world
All: We open our hearts

Voice 2: Now is the time!
Voice 3: No obstacle in anyone's way
Voice 4: No restrictions

Voice 1: Open wide your hearts for forgiveness and healing
All: We open our hearts

Voice 2: Now is the time!
Voice 3: No obstacle in anyone's way
Voice 4: No restrictions

Voice 1: We bring our hearts heavy with calamities hardships and afflictions
All: We open our hearts

Voice 1: We bring our hearts to know purity, patience, and the power of God
All: We bring our hearts

Voice 1: We bring our hearts to grow in kindness, genuine love, truthful speech, and holiness of spirit,
All: We bring our hearts

Voice 1: We open wide our hearts for God is here
All: We open our hearts

Voice 2: Now is the time!
Voice 3: No obstacle in anyone's way
Voice 4: No restrictions
Optional Extension - later in your gathering as you read 2 Corinthians 6:1-13, you might like to look at the phrases drawn from the Call to Worship and notice the way the Bible text has been used to create a prayer.

What other phrases from the passage could you turn into a prayer?

2 Cor 6:1-13

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, “At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation!

We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way:

through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger;

by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God;

with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute.

We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich;

as having nothing, and yet possessing everything. We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you.

There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours.