

Worship Resources for Lament and Healing

Liturgical Resources:

Being the Church (commitment/commission)

- <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/love-never-ends-being-the-body-of-christ/epiphany-baptism-of-the-lord-year-c-lectionary-planning-notes/epiphany-baptism-of-the-lord-year-c-liturgical-resources>
- <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2013/01/prayer-of-praise-1-corinthians-12.html>
- <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/love-never-ends-being-the-body-of-christ/third-sunday-after-the-epiphany-year-c-lectionary-planning-notes/third-sunday-after-the-epiphany-year-c-liturgical-resources> [Litany: we are one body (recommitment to be the church)]
- <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2016/01/prayer-for-others-your-love.html> (intersession for the church to love as God loves)
- https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/05/prayer-of-day-proper-6-b_31.html (hope/being the church)

Comfort

- <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/10/centering-prayer-help-us-to-be-still.html> (centering/comforting)
- <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2013/02/prayer-as-mother.html> (comforting)
- <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/06/contemporary-call-to-worship-proper-8-b.html> (call to worship--comfort in difficulty)

Confession

- <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/gathered-up-in-jesus/second-sunday-in-lent-year-c-lectionary-planning-notes/second-sunday-in-lent-year-c-liturgical-resources>

Seeking Guidance

- <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/05/prayer-of-trust.html>
- <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/02/call-to-worship-prayer-lent-2-b.html>

Healing

- <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/06/prayer-healer.html>

Hope

- <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2013/01/opening-prayer-faith-hope-and-love.html>

Moving from Pain to Purpose

- <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/articles/breath-prayer-these-hands>

Prayer Guide for Navigating Courageous Conversations

- <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/prayer-guide-for-courageous-conversations>

Lament in the Bible:

- Reflection on Jeremiah 8:18-9:1-- <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/season-of-creation/fifteenth-sunday-after-pentecost-year-c-planning-notes/fifteenth-sunday-after-pentecost-2019-year-c-preaching-notes>

Lament with Young People

- <https://www.umcyoungpeople.org/lead/lament-a-time-to-call-out>

Music Resources

Hymns from Hymns in Times of Crisis

The entire collection from the Hymn Society of North America and Canada is available here: <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/hymns-in-times-of-crisis>. Below is a selection of hymns from the collection that are especially applicable to the themes of division, lament, and hope:

- #4 “As We, Your People, Gather” (Maple)—particularly verse 1
- #5 “Broken, Bitter, Bruised We Come” (Damon)—all verses
- #7 “Come in Our Dark Time” (Murray)—all verses
- #17 “Here Us Now We Come Confessing” (Downing)—all verses
- #19 “How Can We Sing Our Love for God” (Keithahn)—all verses
- #23 “Jesus, Show Us How to Pray” (Tice)—all verses
- #26 “Light Shone in Darkness at the World’s Creation” (Dufner)—all verses
- #27 “Like a Flowing Stream” (Damon)—all verses; use Woman in the Night tune
- #31 “Our God Who Uses Broken Things” (Whitney)—verses 1 & 3
- #39 “Throughout the Time that Jesus Lived” (Jones)—all verses
- #43 “What Comfort Can Our Worship Bring” (Tice)—all verses

Music Resources for Times of Anger and Grief

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/articles/music-resources-for-times-of-anger-and-grief>

Hymn: “How Long Will the World Seems So Grim and Chaotic”

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/how-long-will-the-world-seem-so-grim-and-chaotic>

Additional Resources

- Hosting Courageous Conversations Regarding the Future of the UMC
<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/articles/courageous-conversations-regarding-the-future-of-the-umc>
- Designing a Prayer Vigil/Service of Lament
<https://www.umcyoungpeople.org/lead/lament-an-additional-prayer-vigil>

- Podcasts on Grief and Lament
 - Worship Matters, Episode 53—Facing Grief and Loss, Part 1: Worship as Pastoral Care
<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/articles/worship-matters-episode-53-facing-grief-and-loss-worship-as-pastoral-care>
 - Worship Matters, Episode 54—Facing Grief and Loss, Part 2: A Personal Journey (with Rev. Stephen Handy)
<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/articles/worship-matters-episode-54-facing-grief-and-loss-part-two-a-personal-journey>
 - Worship Matters, Episode 55—Facing Grief and Loss, Part 3: Waking into Life (with Rev. Dr. Heather Murray Elkins)
<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/articles/worship-matters-episode-55-facing-grief-and-loss-part-two-waking-into-life>
 - Worship Matters, Episode 76—When There's Trust in the Room (with Rev. John Thornburg)
<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/articles/worship-matters-episode-76-when-theres-trust-in-the-room>