

The **Call to Worship** comes at the beginning of Christian worship in many liturgical traditions. It is written in a "call and response" format where the worship leader speaks and those in the congregation respond. Alternately, an **Opening Prayer** serves a similar purpose, to call the congregation to quiet and stillness as a service of worship begins. Both formats are utilized below.

Convergence campers wrote liturgy based on the theme "Living Water." If you are preparing a worship service or devotional on this theme, suggested scriptures include: John 4:1-16, Jeremiah 2:13. and Genesis 1: 1-10.

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Leader: We come to church for the refreshment of God's grace.

People: It is like drinking water, after a tiring travel, Leader: But God can offer more than simple refreshment.

People: The source of energy gained from true worship is infinite, like living water.

All Let us bask in God's living water.

By Dean Tennant

Pastor: We gather here today, in the name of the Lord, to praise Him.

People: Now come together and worship, baptized in living water, as one body.

By Jacob Lohr

Our God of oceans, rivers, and streams, We are eternally grateful for your gift of living water. With it, you have quenched our thirst, Breathed into us new life, And blessed our souls.

By Olivia Redman

God, the beautiful creator,
The maker of heaven and earth
Who died on the cross for our sins
Who healed our body with living water,
Today let us be thankful for our beautiful Earth and how you created the wonders around us.
Amen.

By Ella Adams

Leader: Let the Water of Life flow through us.

Everyone: So that we may worship God and glorify his name.

By Adam Morgan

Dear Lord, bring us together to put aside our material distractions to make room for you in our hearts today.

By Michael Sams

L: This is the day the lord has made

P: Let us rejoice and be glad in it

L: This is the living water the lord has made

P: Let us rejoice and be glad in it

By Sophie Rounds

Dear Heavenly Father,

Open our hearts and still our minds today to receive Your message. Thank You for all You have done and continue to do. Be with us as we worship today. Amen.

By Faith Goalder

Leader: Father God, please keep us from being faithfully hungry and spiritually thirsty

People: Great you are, O Lord, for filling our spiritual thirst and faithful hunger

Leader: Replenish our thirst with not physical water but the living water which will fill us so we will never be thirsty again and have everlasting life.

By Seth Johnson

God.

Please be with us as we hear your word. Be our living water as we praise you today. Let us come worship and learn from and for you. Guide us through the stormy seas of life as we keep our eyes fixed upon you. Amen

By Miranda Lattimer

One: I could have listened to the birds and let them tell me how to fly.

All: We listen to the birds, and they show us how to grow.

One: I could have let the fish in the muddy sea inform me how to swim.

All: We hear the fish and let them show us how to move on.

One: I could have let each unique tree express how to embrace the bumps and bruises, cracks and curves on my trunk.

All: We love the big Poplar tree and embrace our imperfections.

One: I let the fish, the birds, the plants, and all of God's creatures show us that God is our living water!

All: We know that it is He, our Lord and Savior, who is our living water. Amen.

By Melanie Fleischer (See Job 12:7-9)

- L. YHWH leads us to the waters of bliss.
 - P. He restores the soul to peace.
- L. YHWH draws endless water for His sheep.

P. His sheep endlessly receive.

L. YHWH brings forth water from the Rock.

P. The people bring forth praise for God. *By Nathan Nambiar*

Lord, as we come into your presence, we feel your spirit close to us. As we move through our worship, please grant us the awareness to hear and react to your movements and direction, as a fish is directed by the currents in its stream. Let us gather with your Holy Spirit to worship you.

By Jacob Heinrich

As God has created our world and universe and filled us with the living water which is our own undying faith, let us pray to the Lord Almighty, the One who has quenched our spiritual thirst and provided for His people.

By Eve Ingram

Dear God, the creator of everything, You made the land we walk on and the water we drink from. However, we know that only You can satisfy the thirst within our souls. You are the only one that can make us complete. You sent your one and only Son down to save our souls because You wanted us in heaven with you. Jesus showed us that He was the only way to You. He was the last part of You we needed, regardless of whether we knew it or not. He helped us open our hearts to You and silence the call of wanting more. So, today, we ask you to come fill our hearts with the kindness and mercy You showed and continue to show us everyday. Amen.

By Breanna Wimbush