Worship Outline

Gathering Song - Waltrina N. Middleton

Welcome & Passing of the Peace - David Coatsworth

Call To Worship - Leshawn Davis
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One: God, you are our liberator. We rejoice in your peaceful presence.

Many: You have heard our lament and mournful cries, oh defender of our souls. You have sent the holy spirit to comfort us and renew our strength and hope.

One: Our hope is built on nothing less than the blood and righteousness of Jesus who is the Christ; who is the deliverer of peace and freedom for all!

Many: We will sing a new song to you on this day, for you have turned our lament into laughter and soothed our sorrows with your healing balm. We worship and adore you. You have brought liberation to your people and to the land. Ashe’.

Reading of Scripture Judges 11:29-40 Lori Tisher

Reflection A Liberating Lament W.N. Middleton

Hymn & Liberation Walk* I Must Tell Jesus P. 486 (Also See Insert, Hymn is public domain)

*We invite you to walk twice along the footprints of civilian casualties from Iraq war in reflection as we sing. Please pick up one footprint on the last walk.

*Musical accompaniment by David Schoen, LCM.

Thanks and Dedications

This worship service is dedicated to the memory of innocent victims everywhere caught in the crossfire of war and unrest around the world. May God hear our lamenting prayers and grant us liberation and peace.

Our thanks and acknowledgement to the ministry partners and friends of Wider Church Ministries and to all who have contributed to the planning/implementation of today’s worship. We especially thank David Schoen, Local Church ministries; Lori Tisher, and Leshawn Davis, Wider Church ministries, for offering their gifts and talents for today’s worship service. May peace be with each of you. —David Coatsworth, Financial Development (WCM) and Waltrina N. Middleton, Intern (WCM)

• The Call to Worship was inspired by Psalm 144.

• The Prayer for Liberation was inspired by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s quote: “We are tied together in the single garment of destiny, caught in an inescapable network of mutuality. And whatever affects one directly affects all indirectly…I can never be what I ought to be unless you are what you ought to be.”

• Scripture reading from The Message translation.

• The names of civilian war victims compiled from www.iraqbodycount.org

• Program outline & Coordination by Intern W.N. Middleton
I MUST TELL JESUS

VERSE 1
I MUST TELL JESUS ALL OF MY TRIALS;
I CANNOT BEAR THESE BURDENS ALONE;
IN MY DISTRESS MY JESUS WILL HELP ME;
WHOEVER LOVES AND CARES FOR GOD’S OWN.

REFRAIN
I MUST TELL JESUS! I MUST TELL JESUS!
I CANNOT BEAR MY BURDENS ALONE;
I MUST TELL JESUS! I MUST TELL JESUS!
JESUS CAN HELP ME, JESUS ALONE.

VERSE 2
I MUST TELL JESUS ALL OF MY TROUBLES;
JESUS MY KIND, COMPASSIONATE FRIEND;
IF I BUT ASK, MY SAVIOR WILL ANSWER, ALL
OF MY TROUBLES QUICKLY WILL END.

REFRAIN

VERSE 3
TEMPTED AND TRIED, I NEED A GREAT SAVIOR;
ONE WHO CAN HELP MY BURDENS TO BEAR;
I MUST TELL JESUS, I MUST TELL JESUS;
WHO ALL MY CARES AND SORROWS WILL SHARE.

REFRAIN

VERSE 4
OH, HOW THE WORLD TO EVIL ALLURES ME!
O HOW MY HEART IS TEMPTED TO SIN!
I MUST TELL JESUS, MY FRIEND MY FRIEND WHO HELPS ME
OVER THE WORLD THE VICTORY TO WIN.

REFRAIN

A PRAYER FOR LIBERATION - Bell chimes will guide us in prayer as we acknowledge particular forms of suffering: WAR, OTHER FORMS OF VIOLENCE, POVERTY, HUMAN TRAFFICKING & CHILD EXPLOITATION. Please respond to these silent prayers with the response: “LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS FOR LIBERATION.”

We invite you to give voice to prayers for liberation by calling out names and circumstances where liberation is needed. Please respond to these vocal prayers with: “LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS FOR LIBERATION.”

**WE SPEAK THEIR NAMES

CONCLUDING RESPONSE TO PRAYERS:
WE ARE BOUND IN A SINGLE GARMENT OF DESTINY; I WILL NOT CLAIM FREEDOM AS LONG AS ONE IS OPPRESSED. I CAN NEVER BE WHO GOD HAS CREATED ME TO BE UNLESS YOU ARE WHO YOU OUGHT TO BE. LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYERS FOR LIBERATION. ASHE’.

SENDING FORTH IN PEACE/LIBERATION WALK
PLEASE EXIT IN SILENCE AND REFLECTION

**The Names you see were compiled from www.iraqbodycount.org to honor the thousands of innocent civilians killed during the war in Iraq. We will walk twice around the labyrinth of names praying for peace and liberation, not only in Iraq, but around the world. Please pick up a name to call out during the prayer for liberation.