



SENIORS, ELDERS, AND GRANDPARENTS DAY

MUSIC & WORSHIP RESOURCES

Sunday, August 10, 2008

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Worship Planning Notes

On this Sunday it is acceptable to have all aspects of worship led by persons who are 65 or older and by persons who are grandparents.

To make the day even more special for these seasoned saints, consider distributing ribbons that will indicate to all present that elders are being honored on this occasion. The ribbon color should be one that matches the décor of your sanctuary, and can be worn by men and women. To ensure that young adults (persons ages 18-35) are included on this day, have them at the door ready to pin a ribbon on any elder and/or grandparent who would like to wear a ribbon. The ribbons should be pre-made a week or so in advance and pins must be purchased.

Honor the senior saint of your church and the person with the largest number of grandchildren. Plaques, flowers, or plants can be purchased for these purposes.

1. Litany or Responsive Reading

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Grandparents/Elders

Leader: God of Abraham and Sarah, our grandfather and grandmother in the faith, God of all generations:

Congregation: We thank you today for those who are grandparents/elders.

Leader: We especially thank you for those who are grandparents to us, those who are grandparents by blood relationships, and those unrelated but older than we who generously share their love and wisdom.

Congregation: We thank you today for those who are grandparents and elders.

Leader: We thank you for those who share their time and traditions so that we have roots, stories, and hope.

Congregation: We bless you for the gift of grandparents and elders in the faith.

Leader: Lord, we ask your blessing on them, that their days may be filled with delight.

Congregation: We praise you for the gift of grandparents and elders in the faith.

Leader: May they be a blessing to all they love and call Grandchildren.

All: We honor you for the gift of grandparents and elders through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

2. Hymns and Congregational Songs

(a) Faith of Our Fathers. By Frederick William Faber. Tune, (ST. CATHERINE), by Henri Frederick Henry

(b) Faith of Our Mothers. By A. B. Patten. Tune, (ST. CATHERINE), by Henri Frederick Henry

(c) In Christ There Is No East or West. By John Oxenham. Tune, (ST. PETER), by Alexander R. Reinagle

(d) Just a Closer Walk with Thee. Anonymous. Tune, Closer Walk

3. Spirituals or Traditional Songs

(a) My Soul's Been Anchored in the Lord. Arr. by Moses Hogan. Performed by the St. Olaf Choir

(b) In the Garden. By C. Austin Miles. Tune, (GARDEN).

(c) Father I Stretch My Hands to Thee. By Charles Wesley. Long Meter Hymn
YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7zcpN9ZOwlc>

4. Gospel Songs for Choirs, Praise Teams, or Ensembles

(a) Still Standing. By Kurt Carr

(b) Blessed and Highly Favored. By Karen Clark Sheard

5. Liturgical Dance Music

This liturgical dance is dedicated to elders and this should be indicated in the church bulletin/order of worship.

(a) The Prayer. By David Foster and Carol Bayer Sager

(b) Mama's Song. By Kirk Franklin

6. Anthem

(a) Find Us Faithful. By John Mohr and Larry Mayfield

Oh may all who come behind us find us faithful.
May the fire of our devotion light their way.
May the footprints that we leave
Lead them to believe
And the lives we live inspire them to obey.
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(b) A Good and Faithful Servant of the Lord. By David Lantz, III. For SATB

7. Modern Songs

(a) I've Got to Praise Him. By V. Michael McKay

(b) I Just Want to Say Thanks. By Raymond Wise

(c) With Long Life. By Israel Houghton, Aaron Lindsey, Juan Najera, and Rene F. Sotomayor

8. Offertory Song or Instrumental

(a) Grateful. By Sean Brown

(b) I Don't Feel No Ways Tired. By James Cleveland

9. Song or Instrumental for the Period of Prayer

(a) Thank You for Staying. By Israel Houghton, Aaron Lindsey, and Kim Rutherford

(b) Never Would Have Made It. By Marvin Sapp

(c) Sweet Hour of Prayer. By William Walford and William Bradbury

10. Sermonic Selection

(This sermonic selection should be led an elder)

(a) I Believe/You'll Never Walk Alone. By Ervin Drake, Irvin Graham, Oscar Hammerstein II, Richard Rodgers, Jimmy Shirl, and Al Stillman

(b) Amazing Grace. By John Newton. Stanza 4 attributed to John Rees. Tune, (NEW BRITAIN).

(c) Down thru the Years. By Dan Smith

YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=md6MqpqgaFA>

11. Invitational Song or Instrumental

Come to Jesus. By Richard Randall. For SATB

12. Benediction Song or Instrumental

Do You Know Jesus? By David Frazier

13. Audio Visual Suggestion

Show Video presentation of the elders of the church while playing this song at key moments during worship:

Praying Women. By Cedric Caldwell, Victor Caldwell, and T.D. Jakes

Cites and Additional Information for Music and Material Listed

1. Litany or Responsive Reading

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Grandparents/Elders adapted from a prayer by Daniel Benedict and Taylor Burton-Edwards, "A Prayer of Grandparents." Copyright © 2003, 2006 by The General Board of Discipleship. Used with permission.

2. Hymns and Congregational Songs

(a) Faith of Our Fathers. By Frederick William Faber. Tune, (ST. CATHERINE), by Henri Frederick Henry

Location:

African American Heritage Hymnal. Chicago, IL: GIA Publications, 2001. #409

African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church. The A.M.E. Zion Hymnal Official Hymnal of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church. Charlotte, NC: A.M.E. Zion Pub. House, 1996. #429

(b) Faith of Our Mothers. By A. B. Patten. Tune, (ST. CATHERINE), by Henri Frederick Henry

Location:

African American Heritage Hymnal. #410

African Methodist Episcopal Zion Hymnal. #430

(c) In Christ There Is No East or West. By John Oxenham. Tune, (ST. PETER), by Alexander R.

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Location:

African American Heritage Hymnal. #398

African Methodist Episcopal Zion Hymnal. #231

Lead Me, Guide Me: The African American Catholic Hymnal. Chicago, IL: GIA Publications, 1987. #301

The New National Baptist Hymnal 21st Century Edition. Nashville, TN: Triad Publications, 2005. #299

(d) Just a Closer Walk with Thee. Anonymous. Tune, (CLOSER WALK).

Location:

African American Heritage Hymnal. #409

Lead Me, Guide Me: The African American Catholic Hymnal. #156

The New National Baptist Hymnal 21st Century Edition. #309

Church of God in Christ. Yes, Lord! Church of God in Christ Hymnal. Memphis, TN: Church of God in Christ Pub. Board in association with the Benson Co., 1982. #388

3. Spirituals or Traditional Songs

(a) My Soul's Been Anchored in the Lord. Arr. by Moses Hogan. Performed by the St. Olaf Choir

Location:

My Soul's Been Anchored in the Lord. Northfield, MN: St. Olaf Records, 2006.

(b) In the Garden. By C. Austin Miles. Tune, (GARDEN).

Location:

African American Heritage Hymnal. #494

African Methodist Episcopal Zion Hymnal. #452

National Baptist Convention of the United States of America. Gospel Pearls. 1921. #89

Yes, Lord! Church of God in Christ Hymnal. #87

(c) Father, I Stretch My Hands to Thee. By Charles Wesley. Long Meter Hymn

Location:

African American Heritage Hymnal. #127

African Methodist Episcopal Zion Hymnal. #317 and #318

Gospel Pearls. #112

Yes, Lord! Church of God in Christ Hymnal. #289

4. Gospel Songs for Choirs, Praise Teams, or Ensembles

(a) Still Standing. By Kurt Carr

Location:

Morton, Paul S., Sr. Still Standing. New York, NY: Tehillah Music Group, 2006.

(b) Blessed and Highly Favored. By Karen Clark Sheard

Location:

Clark Sisters (Gospel group). Live--One Last Time. Brentwood, TN: EMI Gospel Music, 2007.

5. Liturgical Dance Music

(a) The Prayer. By David Foster and Carol Bayer Sager

Location:

Dion, Ce'line, and David Foster. Quest for Camelot. New York, NY: Atlantic, 1998.

(b) Mama's Song. By Kirk Franklin

Location:

Whatcha Lookin' 4. Inglewood, CA: Gospocentric, 1995.

6. Anthem

(a) Find Us Faithful. By John Mohr and Larry Mayfield

Location:

Hal Leonard Corporation
P.O. Box 13819
Milwaukee, WI 53213
Phone: 507-454-2920

Online location: www.halleonard.com

(b) A Good and Faithful Servant of the Lord. By David Lantz, III. For SATB

Location:

Beckenhorst Press
960 Old Henderson Road
Columbus, OH 43220
Phone: 614-451-0646

Online location: www.beckenhorstpress.com

7. Modern Songs

(a) I've Got to Praise Him. By V. Michael McKay

Location:

Various Artists. Gospel Mass Choirs. Alpharetta, GA: Light Records, 2003.

(b) I Just Want to Say Thanks. By Raymond Wise

Location:

New. Southfield, MI: Sound of Gospel, 1993.

(c) With Long Life. By Israel Houghton, Aaron Lindsey, Juan Najera, and Rene F. Sotomayor

Location:

Houghton, Israel, T-Bone, Chris Tomlin, Y. P. J., Darlene Zschech, and Jonny Lang. A Deeper Level Live. Mobile, AL: Integrity, 2007.

8. Offertory Song or Instrumental

(a) Grateful. By Sean Brown

Location:

Walker, Hezekiah. 20/85 the Experience. New York, NY: Verity/Zomba, 2005.

(b) I Don't Feel No Ways Tired. By James Cleveland

Location:

Various Artists. Celebrate the Heritage of Gospel. Jackson, MS: Malaco, 1999.

9. Song or Instrumental for the Period of Prayer

(a) Thank You for Staying. By Israel Houghton, Aaron Lindsey, and Kim Rutherford

Location:

Bishop T.D. Jakes Presents He-Motions. Brentwood, TN: Dexterity Sounds, 2004.

(b) Never Would Have Made It. By Marvin Sapp

Location:

Thirsty. New York, NY: Verity, 2007.

(c) Sweet Hour of Prayer. By William Walford and William Bradbury

Location:

African American Heritage Hymnal. #442

African Methodist Episcopal Zion Hymnal. #307

Gospel Pearls. #15

Yes, Lord! Church of God in Christ Hymnal. #304

10. Sermonic Selection

(a) I Believe/You'll Never Walk Alone. By Ervin Drake, Irvin Graham, Oscar Hammerstein II, Richard Rodgers, Jimmy Shirl, and Al Stillman

Location:

Streisand, Barbra, and Celine Dion. Higher Ground. New York, NY: Columbia, 1997.

(b) Amazing Grace. By John Newton. Stanza 4 attributed to John Rees. Tune, (NEW BRITAIN).

Location:

African American Heritage Hymnal. #271

African Methodist Episcopal Zion Hymnal. #226

Gospel Pearls. #21

Yes, Lord! Church of God in Christ Hymnal. #80

(c) Down thru the Years. By Dan Smith

Location:

The Lord's House – A Tribute to Reverend Dan Smith. Redondo Beach, CA: Ocean—
Word Records, 1996.

11. Invitational Song or Instrumental

Come to Jesus. By Richard Randall. For SATB

Location:

Stinger Music
5737 Cameron Blvd
New Orleans, LA 70122

African American Heritage Hymnal. #354

African Methodist Episcopal Zion Hymnal. #246

Yes, Lord! Church of God in Christ Hymnal. #281

12. Benediction Song or Instrumental

Do You Know Jesus? By David Frazier

Location:

Walker, Hezekiah. 20/85 the Experience. New York, NY: Verity/Zomba, 2005.

13. Audio Visual Suggestion

Praying Women. By Cedric Caldwell, Victor Caldwell, and T.D. Jakes

Location:

The Winan Women. Great Women of Gospel. Volume 4. Brentwood, TN: EMI Gospel,
2004.