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Worship at the Crossroads

(Scripts for Leaders including instructions/rubrics)

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**National Campus Ministry Association
2006 Summer Conference**

**Wednesday, June 28, 2006
Opening Worship: Flanagan Chapel
“At the Crossroads and On the Edge: Light for the Journey”**

WE GATHER

Music for Gathering

*“Awesome God” FWS #2040
“I Will Call Upon the Lord” FWS #2002
“I’m Gonna Sing...” UMH #333*

A Litany of Light

[When the time to begin arrives, the chancel lights and house lights go down. A pool of light from a simple floodlight turns on and several people walk slowly into the light.]

We hear a voice... [Reader 1]

“In the beginning was the Word
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.

The Word was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through the Word, and without the Word not one thing came into being. What has come into being in Christ was life, and the life was the light of all people.”

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it....
The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world...

And the Word became flesh and lived among us.

[A lone voice sings a capella]

“Here in this place new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away...” (“Gather us In” FWS #2236)

[then the piano begins to fill under readings and sung parts... all sung phrases in this first part are not “a tempo” but sung freely, rubato... The “Narrator” parts are spoken by several different voices. Six people walk forward from the back carrying pillar candles (last one larger than the others) which will be placed on the altar.]

Narrator *[Reader 2 & 3 alternate Narrator parts]:* When the people of Israel fled from Egypt they came to the edge of the wilderness. The Lord went in front of them in a pillar of cloud by day, to lead them along the way, and in a pillar of fire by night, to give them light, so that they might travel by day and by night.

solo voice sings :

“See in this space our fears and our dreamings, brought here to you in the light of this day...”

Narrator: David spoke to the Lord the words of this song on the day when the Lord delivered him from the hand of all his enemies.
“Indeed, you are my lamp, O Lord, the Lord lightens my path.”

solo voice sings:

“We are the young, our lives are a myst’ry, we are the old who yearn for your face...”

Narrator: “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk without light but will have the light of life.”

solo voice sings:

“We have been sung throughout all of history...”

Narrator: Isaiah, the prophet, spoke the word of God to the people of Israel, saying, “Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.”

solo voice sings:

“Called to be light to the whole human race...”

Narrator: “You are the light of the world,” said Jesus. “A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lamp stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others.”

[The instrumental rhythmic background begins, the people are gestured to stand... the Christ candle is lit and the house lights come up gradually to full]

Narrator: We light the Christ candle today to remind us that Christ is our light, even and especially as we stand at crossroads, searching for new paths in this journey. Repeat after me...

People: **“God is light ... in God there is no deception at all...
If we walk in the light... as God is in the light...
we have fellowship with one another.”**

Song
"Gather us In"
FWS #2236, vs. 1,2,4

We Greet One Another

WE PROCLAIM

Scripture
Hebrews 11:1-3

The Word Embodied
"On the Edge"
Dr. Marcia McFee

WE RESPOND

Prayers of the People

"Spirit, I Have Heard You Calling"
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**Spirit, I have heard you calling, like a mem'ry long grown dim,
crying from creation's moment, seeking voice from deep within.
I have heard you in my longing. I have heard you in my pain.
Now I feel you moving in me, feel you burning like a flame.**

[The people are led in calling out names of those who need our prayers as the music continues underneath...]

**Now I see you all around me, now I hear you call my name.
Now I speak the words you give me, now I feed creation's flame.
You are speaking through my longing. You are speaking through my pain.
Now I feel you moving in me, and I'll never be the same.**

[Instructions for the prayer journey are given at this point. The five pillar candles go out to the 5 stations around the room during this invitation. The larger one (Christ candle) stays on the altar where people will come to light tea candles. See below for prayer station details.]

**Since you moved upon my waters, since you spoke and set me free,
I have yearned for this communion, for your fire inside of me!
Now your love defines my longing. Now your love shines through my pain.
Now we dance in endless union, singing out creation's name.**

Journey of Prayer

You are invited to wander to the prayer stations in any order. You may visit them all or choose to spend your time at only one or two. Also consider your own seat as a "station" where you are invited to be in prayer.

[Music plays softly during this journey...These stations are placed at the periphery of the room. I have found it helpful/beautiful/dramatic to place simple floodlights shooting up the walls behind each station so that when the lights go off, the station locations are highlighted with ambient light. Each station has the prayer quotes and the instructions below.]

Chime station *[chimes hanging from stands or ceiling that can be rung]*

"To pray is to come to the center of all life and all love."

- Henri J.M. Nouwen

o *God is present at the center of all that is. Breathe a prayer of thanks and ring the chime as a sign of God's love that rings and reverberates through our lives.*

Station of Letting Go *[table with bowl of water and "dissolving paper" (order this at <http://tophatmagic.com/item480505.ctlg>) to write on... sometimes it is helpful to have slips of paper on the table with suggestion words written on them like "worry;" "resentment;" "hate;" etc.]*

"Everything that one turns in the direction of God is prayer."

- Ignatius Loyola

o *God invites us to bring all of who we are in prayer - even and especially those things we need to let go of. Write something you'd like to confess or let go of on a piece of paper and put it in the bowl of water, letting it wash away as you pray for forgiveness and strength.*

Journey Station *[table with maps all over it and several yellow highlighters]*

"Some journeys are direct, and some are circuitous; some are heroic, and some are fearful and muddled. But every journey, honestly undertaken, stands a chance of taking us toward the place where our deepest gladness meets the world's deep need."

- Parker Palmer

"Each activity of daily life in which we stretch ourselves on behalf of others is a prayer of action..."

- Richard J. Foster

o *Take a highlighter and let it wander on a map as you pray for God's guidance for your "next steps" into the unknown.*

Supplication Station [*create a beautiful worship center table with icons, statuettes, candles, etc. and place chairs/pillows around it for people to simply sit and contemplate for a while*]

“The more we receive in silent prayer, the more we can give in our active life.”

- Mother Teresa of Calcutta

o *Give yourself over to God, allowing God to speak to you in silent prayer.*

Intercession Station [*put newsprint on a table with markers so people can graffiti names of people who need prayer... place some pictures of friends together on the table*]

“Every day I take my friends to my prayer. They are remembered in my heart... It feels like a great homecoming.”

- Macrina Wiederkehr

o *Write the name of a friend or friends who need our prayers. Write the name of a place in the world that needs our prayers.*

Candle station [*the altar will need lots of tea light candles and tapers for lighting them*]

“The very act of lighting a candle is prayer.”

- Brother David Steindl-rast

o *Light a candle for hope, for peace, in memory of someone, or for whatever you want to pray for.*

Closing Prayer

The Prayer of Jesus Embodied
(see Marcia McFee, *The Worship Workshop*)

WE ARE SENT FORTH

Closing Song

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me” FWS 2153

Benediction

**National Campus Ministry Association
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Worship Drafts**

**Thursday, June 29, 2006
Morning Prayer: Council Chambers**

Centering on God

"Jesus We Are Here" FWS #2273

[the table at the front of the space is dressed by several people who bring cloth, cross, bowl, Bible, candle, etc.... Marcia will bring these things]

Prayers of the People

Scripture

A Narrative of Acts 3&4

Proclamation of the People

"Metaphoraging"

(See Marcia McFee, *The Worship Workshop*)

Response

"In Our Lives, Lord" FWS #2150

The Peace

**National Campus Ministry Association
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**Thursday Night, June 29, 2006
Worship: South Campus Chapel
“Soul Matters: Water for the Journey”**

WE GATHER

Music for Gathering

[chosen and led by invited musicians]

The Announcement

Rev. 21:3-6

I heard a voice thunder from the Throne: “Look! Look! God has moved into the neighborhood, making a home with men and women! They’re God’s people, and God is their Holy One and Only! God will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death is gone for good—tears gone, crying gone, pain gone—all the first order of things gone.” The Enthroned continued, “Look! I’m making everything new. Write it all down—each word dependable and accurate.”

Then God said, “It’s happened. I’m A to Z. I’m the Beginning, I’m the Conclusion. From the Water-of-Life Well I give freely to the thirsty.”

(translation: Eugene Peterson, adapted)

Invocation

[extemporaneous prayer in language other than English]

WE PROCLAIM

Refrain

“Wade in the Water” FWS #2107

[In the midst of the refrain, Marcia asks people to name favorite sources of water or water sources near their homes... the people are invited to wander in the space, “wading” through the waters of their own experience. Then the following reading is read by two voices alternating and is “dramatized/sculpted” by several people]

This is the Water
(by Rev. A. Robert Hirschfeld, adapted)

This is the water on which God breathed and the Spirit brooded when God began creating us.. All creeping things, all races, male and female.

This is the water that drove up the trunk of the tree whose branches bore the fruit we weren't to taste.

This water covered the earth deeper than the Himalayas when God wanted to start over. This is the foot of the rainbow that's meant to tell us God won't destroy the creation again.

This is the water of the River Jabbok where Jacob still wrestles with God.

This is the well where Joseph was left for dead by his jealous brothers.

This is the water that opened at Moses' command when God led God's people out of slavery. This is the water by which Miriam and the women danced the rhythms of liberation.

This water sprung from rocks in the desert when the people started whining to go back to the way things used to be.

These are the salty tears King David shed when Nathan accused him of the worst sin. These are the tears he shed when he pleaded God for forgiveness, and got it.

These are the waters of Babylon by which our ancestors sat down and wept, their harps and tongues silent for homesickness.

And this is the water that broke in a barn in Bethlehem.

Out of this water John pulled a stunned Jesus in the River Jordan, the day they saw the dove and heard from deep within the Voice that said, "YOU ARE MY BELOVED. IN YOU MY HEART SINGS FOR JOY!"

This is where those men heaved and hauled nets, until love came to town and called them to even harder work for even less pay.

This is the water that became wine at a wedding in Cana.

Peter sauntered on this water, and then sank, and then was rescued, setting the pattern of a disciple's life.

This is the well in Samaria where Jesus chatted, unchaperoned, with a so-called disreputable woman. This is the living water that quenched her thirst forever, and restored her dignity.

This is the spittle that came from his mouth when he restored hearing to those who could not hear, when he restored sight to those who could not see.

This is the water he used to cut the wine at his last meal.

These are the tears that fell that last night in the garden.

This is the sink that Pilate used to wash his hands when he passed the death sentence.

These are the wet faces of those whose grief at the cross could not be quenched.

This is what Jesus thirsted for at the hour of his death.

This is the tomb from which Christ blasted... This is the opening, this is the way.

This is the water that binds us to him when shame and sin and death are destroyed... This is the water that reminds us who we are, and whose we are.

Refrain

Reprise "Wade in the Water"

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Reginald Blount

Sung Response

WE RESPOND

Pastoral Prayer

Invitation to the Journey

*Begin at the "Pilate's Basin," washing your own hands as you hear,
"You will never wash your hands of this call, but you will never be alone."
Travel to the "Baptismal Basin," letting water be poured from a shell over your hands
and hear, "Remember your baptism and be thankful."
Then proceed to the "Servant's Basin" and allow your hands to be washed for you,
hearing, "Remember Jesus said, Do this in remembrance of me."*

[Marcia invites the people to make their way down the center aisle, starting at the back. Pilate's Basin is at the back of the sanctuary, the Baptismal Basin is in the center of the center aisle, and the Servant's Basin is at the front. There will be stewards at each

station (same people who dramatized "This is the Water"). Music group provides music for this journey of the people.]

Closing Song of Praise
Chosen and led by music group.

Benediction

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Friday Morning, June 28, 2006
Worship: Stamm
"Soul Matters: The Heartbeat of Creation"

WE GATHER

Joining the Rhythm

The people are seated in a circle (or two rows in a circle). They each have a rhythm instrument (drums, shakers, wood blocks). A community drumming experience flows throughout this service.

Invocation

"Gathering Chant"

The Christ light is carried to the table (same one we used in Morning Prayer).

Gathered here in the mystery of this hour
Gathered here in one strong body
Gathered here in the struggle and the power
Spirit draw near

Call and Reponse

Leader: In the beginning was God... (*drums rumble, slap*) and God begat the rhythm... (*begin rhythm*) and the rhythm begat everything else, and the dance began. [*pause for drumming*]

We are a people of One Heartbeat.

People: As rhythm sounds, creation happens.

Leader: Our faith leads us to a world reverberating like a thousand different thunders.

People: As rhythm sounds, the Body of Christ is alive in us.

Leader: We are a people bound together through sacred sound.

People: As rhythm sounds, community happens.

Leader: We are all companions of life's rhythms in our stillness... (*rhythm stops*) and motion, in the sound and silence our souls are uplifted.

All: As rhythm sounds, (*rhythm begins again*) we are standing on sacred ground.

Sung Response

"We Are Marching in the Light of God" FWS #2235b

Prayer for the Day

WE PROCLAIM

Scripture

The Great Commandment, Matthew 22:35-40

One of [the Pharisees], an expert in the law, tested [Jesus] with this question: "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

Response in Rhythms and Reflections

[the people are led in a community drumming time interspersed with reflections on the rhythms of community, of love, of relationship]

Scripture

[chosen by Bob]

Sermon

Rev. Bob Turner

WE RESPOND

Reverberations

The people respond to the sermon...

Prayers for Peace: Entraining with The Heartbeat of God

Closing Song

"Halle, Halle" FWS #2026

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**Sunday, July 2, 2006
Closing Worship: Stamm
“At the Crossroads: The Deepest Things We Know”**

WE GATHER

[When the time for opening worship arrives, all are invited to center their hearts on God as the keyboard begins to play softly. Then the following song is begun by a solo voice.]

"With Gifts that Differ by Your Grace"
[by Ruth Duck from Circles of Care]

With gifts that differ by your grace your Spirit fits us all,
that Christians in each time and place may answer when you call.
You strengthen some to take a stand, to prophesy or preach,
while others give with open hand, or heal the sick, or teach.

And yet, because our faith is frail, we bury gifts you give.
Afraid to risk, afraid to fail, we are not free to live.
At times we use your sacred gifts for only selfish ends.
Our purpose fades, our focus shifts, and conflict soon attends.

[the people are invited to stand and join in the song...]
**Come, Spirit, build your church anew, that all may do their part,
together finding life in you, diverse, yet one in heart.
So may your people seek your will, transformed in all our ways.
We offer body, mind and skill, a sacrifice of praise.**

Celebration Procession

[On the word “praise” at the end of the song above, drumbeat begins to change the tempo and segue into the next song.]

“We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise”

We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of our God.
We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of our God.
And we offer up to you the sacrifices of thanksgiving;
and we offer up to you the sacrifices of joy!

Litany of Invocation

One: Come, Holy Spirit,
rattle the rooms in which we are hiding,
shake the tired foundations

until unjust institutions crumble,
break the rules
that keep You out of all our sacred spaces,
then lift from the dust and rubble
a completely new creation.

**All: Come, Holy Spirit,
enter our lives,
whisper our names
and scatter Your gifts of grace with wild abandon,
give Your silent strength to all imprisoned
and let Your raging fire be our sign of liberty.**

One: Come, Holy Spirit,
help us find ourselves in vital places,
bringing Your word and freedom
to those who hunger for love and life.

**All: In the name of Jesus, who touched, healed and challenged,
and calls us to go and do likewise. Amen!**

Song

"Draw the Circle Wide"

Draw the circle wide.
Draw it wider still.
Let this be our song,
No one stands alone,
Standing side by side,
Draw the circle wide!

WE PROCLAIM

Readings

Excerpts from scriptures used throughout the weekend.

Song of Opening to God

"Breathe"

[Leni]

This is the air I breathe,
This is the air I breathe,
You holy presence living in me.

[Meister Eckhardt]

This is my daily bread,
This is my daily bread,
You very Word spoken to me.

And I... I'm desperate for you.
And I... I'm lost without you.

Speaking of the Deepest Things
The People
"What I know is this..."

WE RESPOND

Invitation

Celebrant: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin
and seek to live in peace with one another.

Liturgist: Therefore, my friends, name what you renounce this day.
What will you let go of in order to follow this one called Jesus?

Words of Letting Go
The people respond.

Celebrant: Friends, even as we let these things go,
we are filled with the goodness and mercy of God.
Be assured that we are forgiven and freed by the grace of God.

Liturgist: To what do you turn this day?
What will you claim in order to follow this one called Jesus?

Words of Assurance and Grace
The people respond.

The Peace
"Shalom Chaverim"

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Liturgist and President: *(they walk up and down the aisles, saying:)*
Listen! *(pause)*

The Lord is with you!
The Lord is with you!

The Lord is with you!
The Lord is with you! *(Etc. They then walk to the front)*

Liturgist:

The Lord is with you! And the people say, "And also with you!" **"And also with you!"** Take the hand of your neighbor on one side and tell them this news. **"The Lord is with you!"** Then also take the hand of another neighbor and tell them this news. "The Lord is with you!" With all hands clasped, I ask, "What does this mean?... that the Lord is with you and you and you (indicating individuals) and also with you and you and you and me? Let the people say, "The Lord is present with us!"

"The Lord is present with us!"

(The liturgist and celebrant clasps hands with the persons on either front aisle, thereby becoming part of the body)

Listen! *(pause)* The body breathes in together... and out. As close as breath, the Lord is present with us. *(pause)*

We raise our hands *(do so)*, magnify our voices, lifting up our hearts. And the family says, "We lift them up to the Lord."

"We lift them up to the Lord!"

(release hands)

Celebrant:

Let us give thanks to the Lord because it is the right thing to do, not only now, but always, for "always" is when the Lord is with us.

Liturgist:

I invite you to open both palms upward in the sign language for "give."

Celebrant: *(as the motion is done)*

... We thank you, Creator God, that you formed us in your image.

Liturgist:

Now place your hands together in the sign meaning "to be with."

Celebrant:

...We thank you, Sustainer God, that you are here with us.

Liturgist:

Bring your hands close to your face, in the sign for "prayer." Close your eyes and become aware of your breath on your hands... *(pause)*

Celebrant:

... We thank you God for breathing into us the breath of life. Even when we have turned away, you have remained with us, close as breath. When we have not recognized your presence, still you are patient. You have time and again freed us, for your promise is steadfast.

Liturgist:

And so, we open our eyes, our hands and our hearts to your will for us as told to us through your prophets. We join our voices together praising you along with all who do, have ever done so and ever will do so, saying:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord! (the people repeat)

Everywhere we see your Glory! (repeat)

Hosanna in the highest! (repeat)

... and the widest... (repeat)

... and the deepest... (repeat)

... core of our being. (repeat, pause)

Celebrant:

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is your Son who came to preach the good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people.

Liturgist:

Listen people! (*pause*)

The Lord is with you.

He healed the sick, fed the hungry...

and sat down at the table and ate with sinners (*pause*).

Let us remind ourselves by saying "The Lord is present with us."

"The Lord is present with us."

Celebrant:

(The celebrant goes to the table and holds up a loaf, "Remember Me" is sung...)

On the night you were betrayed you took the bread

After giving thanks you broke it and said,

"This is my body, broken for you; and as you do this remember me."

(People) "This is my body, broken for you; and as you do this remember me."

(The celebrant holds up a cup)

On the night you were betrayed you took the cup

After giving thanks you lifted it up,

"This is my life, poured out for you; and as you do this remember me."

"This is my life, poured out for you; and as you do this remember me."

Liturgist:

Let us be a community of messengers, proclaiming and reminding each other and creation that: **"Christ has died (repeat), Christ is risen (repeat), Christ will come again (repeat)."**

So we thank you for the cup and for the bread.

For we see the life you gave and the life you led.

And we remember your wondrous love; You gave your spirit to live in us.

And we remember your wondrous love; You gave your spirit to live in us.

God With Us, we thank you for your promise of presence. We are challenged, commissioned and empowered by your example to make right our relationships in all areas of our lives, coming to the table freely, inviting others willingly. For it is in your suffering, death and resurrection that we are radically changed, called to a justice that by your grace penetrates and restores human dignity. We lift our hands in the ancient Christian posture of prayer and offer ourselves as all of your children.

Celebrant:

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Let them be for us the body and blood of Christ so that may be for the world the body of Christ, liberated by his witness, passion and life.

We remember... the taste of what was;
we experience... the savoring of Presence;
we hope... the foretaste of what will be.

Liturgist:

Please take your neighbor's hands.

Celebrant:

By your spirit we are one in ministry, the ministry of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray the prayer he taught us, saying... **"(The Lord's Prayer)... Amen."**

**Breaking of the Bread
Pouring of the Cup**

Communion

Closing Prayer

Song of Commitment

"All Are Welcome"

by Marty Haugen

Let us build a house where love can dwell
And all can safely live,
A place where saints and children tell
How hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
Rock of faith and vault of grace;
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Benediction and Sending Forth

Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.