Week 1 Worship Resources: Things That Go Bump in the Night

**Call to Worship**

Leader: It is the light of God’s love in Christ that brings a rich harvest of goodness and truth.

**People: So we would live like people who belong to the light.**

Leader: We would have nothing to do with worthless things that belong to the world of darkness.

**People: In the name of Jesus we would live in the light, giving thanks to God the Father[[1]](#footnote-1).**

**Unison Prayer**

Light of Christ, awaken us to your presence in our midst. Shine among us in such a way that the darkness may be pushed back, so that we might truly see what is real. May your light within us shine through into our worship. Amen.

**Offering Introduction**

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**Offering Prayer**

Living God, your light shines brightly in the darkness. In Christ your Son, you have given the world hope. Lead us by your Spirit to share your light. We pray through Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

**Music Suggestions (Traditional)**

How Firm a Foundation, UMH #529

A Mighty Fortress is Our God, UMH #110

How Great Thou Art, UMH #77

**Music Suggestions (Contemporary and Global)**

Wonder, CCLI #7084120

You Never Let Go, CCLI #4674166

Once and For All, CCLI #6502212

Reckless Love, CCLI #9089641

Week 2 Worship Resources: Ghost Sightings

**Call to Worship**

Leader: When the wind is strong and the waves are high, remember the words of Jesus:

**People: Take heart, it is I. Do not be afraid.**

Leader: When we’ve lost all hope, and don’t know where to turn, remember the words of Jesus:

**People: Take heart, it is I. Do not be afraid.**

Leader: When our faith is stretched to the breaking point, remember the words of Jesus:

**People: Take heart, it is I. Do not be afraid. For I am the Lord, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.[[2]](#footnote-2)**

**Unison Prayer**

God of love and power, we listen to the stories of miracles and doubt that these things can happen today. In our anxiousness we wonder how we can still our fears. Forgive us for our doubts. Help us to place out trust in you, Lord Jesus. Amen.

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**Offering Prayer**

Holy God, there are so many in fear around us, in our homes, our church, our community and the world. Allow us to use this offering to cultivate a spirit of hope in your power and presence. Amen.

**Music Suggestions (Traditional)**

Spirit of the Living God UMH #393

Precious Lord, Take My Hand, UMH #474

It Is Well With My Soul, UMH #377

**Music Suggestions (Contemporary)**

Whom Shall I Fear? CCLI #6440288

The Lion and the Lamb, CCLI #7038281

Holy Spirit, CCLI #6087919

Week 3 Worship Resources: Creepy Happenings

**Call to Worship**

Leader: To you, O Lord, we lift up our soul.

**People: O our God, in you we trust.**

Leader: Make us to know your ways, O Lord.

**People: Teach us your paths.**

Leader: Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Good and upright is the Lord.

**All: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep the Lord’s covenant and testimonies.**

**Unison Prayer**

Almighty God, blessed are we to worship and lift your name on high. We are in harvest season; a time when we gather with family and friends at farms, corn mazes, and pumpkin patches; spending time for fellowship and gathering fruits and vegetables before winter’s rest. We give thanks to you, O Lord, for the bounty we receive–Not just the bounty of food, but of relationships, and family. We give you all the honor and praise. In Jesus we pray. Amen.

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**Offering Prayer**

Gracious and loving God, all of your works, all that you have done for us, testify to your love. You gave everything to bring us the promise of eternal life. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may all that we do and all that we are testify to your amazing care and compassion. In gratitude and love, we offer ourselves to you. Amen[[3]](#footnote-3).

**Music Suggestions (Traditional)**

Great is Thy Faithfulness, UMH #140

Standing on the Promises, UMH #374

Hymn of Promise, UMH #707

**Music Suggestions (Contemporary)**

Do It Again, CCLI #706755

Great Things, CCLI #7111321

Yes I Will, CCLI #7105442

1. Re:Worship, 16 June 2011, https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/06/call-to-worship-people-of-light.html. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
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3. Ministry Matters , Abingdon Press, 17 April 2016, https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/3752/worship-elements-april-17-2016. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)