

General Camp Sunday Worship Resources

SONG IDEAS

United Methodist Hymnal

62 All Creatures of Our God and King	393 Spirit of the Living God
84 Thank You, Lord	405 Seek Ye First
122 God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale	454 Open My Eyes, That I May See
145 Morning Has Broken	512 Stand By Me
333 Sing, When the Spirit says, "Sing"	572 Pass It On
378 Amazing Grace	707 The Hymn of Promise

The Faith We Sing

2023 Oh Lord, our Lord, How Majestic is Your Name	2158 Just a Closer Walk With Thee
2040 Awesome God	2173 Shine, Jesus Shine
2071 Jesus, Name Above All Names	2164 Sanctuary
2074 Shout to the Lord	2190 Bring Forth the Kingdom of God
2088 Lord, I Lift Your Name on High	2223 They Will Know We Are Christians by Our Love
2107 Wade in the Water	2235b We Are Marching (Siyahamba/Caminando)
2120 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness	2258 Sing Alleluia to the Lord
2128 Come and Find the Quiet Center	2279 The Trees of the Field

CALLS TO WORSHIP

ONE: We witness in scripture how God meets us in the wilderness.

ALL: God led the Israelites out of Egypt into the wilderness.

ONE: Getting away from the hustle and bustle of the city.

ALL: Elijah heard the still small voice.

ONE: Sometimes, it is the wilderness of the heart where God speaks to people.

ALL: It is where Jacob wrestled with his problems all night long and where Jesus went to prepare for his ministry.

ONE: Camp takes us out of our busy lives and delivers us to a place of reflection. **ALL:** God speaks and calls us back into the wilderness again and again.

ONE: God has set up camp in our hearts.

ALL: In God's love, we find community.

ONE: God has made community part of our nature.

ALL: In God's love, we find peace.

ONE: God gives us peace and a calling.

ALL: In God's love, we find purpose.

ONE: We are here because God's Spirit calls us to worship

ALL: We are here to offer praise for God's presence in our lives.

ONE: Camp is one of the special places God speaks to us.

ALL: Away from distractions and surrounded by community it is ideal.

ONE: Life changing experiences help us understand the power of God's love.

ALL: We are here to claim God's love is all around us. **One:** Let us worship God.

PRAYERS

We call out to you, God who continues to create, and thank you for the gift of experiencing you in camp. You offer us time apart, a sweet respite, a way to get to know you better. You invite us to a space apart, a peaceful clearing, a way to reflect on how we know you. May an experience at a camp or retreat help bring your people new joy and greater awareness of your love. Amen.

In the midst of the woods, O God, there is a small clearing where you meet with us. Your gentle breeze fills up our lungs. Your warm sunlight cascades upon our hearts. Your footsteps are on the worn path. You create gifts of time and space set apart so that we might reflect and grow. May we hear you clearly in camp and retreat experiences, may we feel you in these times and spaces, and may we know you walk with us back into the everyday world, rejuvenated by your compassion. Amen.

Loving God, you know how much camp and retreats have meant in our Methodist heritage. So many people feel your touch when they are able to take a time apart at camp or a retreat. May they reflect and grow in love with you. Send aid to those who need a camp experience and are met with roadblocks. Seek out those who need retreat and meet them on the path. Peel away the thick forests of our lives and offer us a clearing of our heads and hearts. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

BENEDICTION

May God set up camp in your heart. May Christ offer you bread and fish by the fire. And may the Holy Spirit be the flame that lights your way. Amen.