Advent has a double meaning. On one hand, it is a looking forward to the Advent (the coming of God in Jesus Christ) as celebrated in Christmas. As such, Advent is the beginning of the Church year. At the same time, it is also the end of the last Church year. The final several Sundays of the previous Church year contain lections about “end times” and the first Sundays of Advent pick up this same theme, the return of Jesus, or the Second Coming. Advent is a time of expectation, of the first Advent and the Second. Shades of purple are colors usually associated with this season, but blue is also appropriate.

November 27, 2016, First Sunday in Advent (Purple or Blue)
Isaiah 2:1-5 God will teach us what to do. Swords to plows.
(Choreography: UMH 206 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light)*
UMH 450 Creator of the Earth and Skies • TFWS 2129 I Have Decided to Follow Jesus
ZSS 152 Walking Up the King's Highway
Psalm 122 (UMH 845)
UMH 724 On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand • TFWS 2156 Give Peace
Romans 13:11-14 Wake up! The Day is almost here. Script: A Wake-Up Call *
UMH 551 Awake, O Sleeper • TFWS 2243 We All Are One in Mission
Matthew 24:36-44 No one knows the day or the hour.
UMH 196 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus • TFWS 2086 Open Our Eyes
W&S 3048 View the Present through the Promise

December 4, 2016, Second Sunday in Advent (Purple or Blue)
Isaiah 11:1-10 The peaceful kingdom. A new king will arise.
(Choreography: UMH 216 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming, September-October 2006)
TFWS 2091 The King of Glory Comes
Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 (UMH 795)
UMH 209 Blessed Be the God of Israel • TFWS 2088 Lord, I Lift Your Name on High
Romans 15:4-13 Christ, root of Jesse, hope of the Gentiles.
UMH 548 In Christ There Is No East or West • TFWS 2087 We Will Glorify the King of Kings
W&S 3007 Laudate Dominum
Matthew 3:1-12 The preaching of John the Baptist. Script: Spinning John
UMH 210 Toda la Tierra • TFWS 2251 We Were Baptized in Christ Jesus • ZSS 55 Already Here

December 11, 2016, Third Sunday in Advent (Purple or Blue)
Isaiah 35:1-10 The road of holiness. The desert will rejoice.
UMH 176 Majesty, Worship His Majesty • TFWS 2284 Joy in the Morning
ZSS 6 What a Mighty God We Serve
Luke 1:47-55 (UMH 199)
UMH 200 Tell Out My Soul • TFWS 2017 Come, Rejoice in God
James 5:7-10 How to live while you wait for the Day? Patience.
UMH 534 Be Still, My Soul • TFWS 2211 Faith Is Patience in the Night
(Choreography: W&S 3141 Holy Darkness, January-February 2007)
Matthew 11:2-11 John’s Messengers: “Are you the one?”
UMH 378 Amazing Grace • TFWS 2015 Bless His Holy Name

*See next page for key to resources
Christmas or Christmastide is the period from Christmas through Epiphany, January 6 (though the Epiphany readings are now often moved to the first Sunday of January). It is the fulfillment of the Advent expectation, at least concerning the first Advent. A combination of impatience and commercial interest have made us begin celebrating Christmas earlier in our culture than does the rhythm of the Christian Year. The color most associated with this season is white.

### December 18, 2016, Fourth Sunday in Advent (Purple or Blue)

**Isaiah 7:10-16** The sign of Emmanuel. God hasn't given up.  
(Choreography: UMH 211 O Come, O Come Emmanuel, September-October 2006)  
TFWS 2284 Joy in the Morning

**Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 (UMH 801)**

UMH 397 I Need Thee Every Hour • TFWS 2209 How Long, O Lord

**Romans 1:1-7** Promise to David for all through Good News in Jesus.  
UMH 204 Emmanuel, Emmanuel • TFWS 2181 We Need a Faith • W&S 3130 Come, Emmanuel

**Matthew 1:18-25** The birth of Jesus, Immanuel.  
UMH 215 To a Maid Engaged to Joseph • TFWS 2099 Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine • ZSS 57 Emmanuel

### December 24, 2016, Christmas Eve (White or Gold)

**Isaiah 9:2-7** We have seen a great light; a child is born.  
UMH 214 Savior of the Nations, Come • TFWS 2098 The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy  
W&S 1059 Love Has Come

**Psalm 96 (UMH 815)**

UMH 79 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name • TFWS 2016 Glorify Thy Name

**Titus 2:11-14** God has shown grace for all in Christ.  
UMH 184 Of the Father's Love Begotten • TFWS 2092 Like a Child

(Choreography: UMH 239 Silent Night)  
(Choreography: UMH 217 Away In a Manger, November-December 2007)

UMH 220 Angels from the Realms of Glory • TFWS 2093 The Snow Lay on the Ground • ZSS 58 Bethlehem

### December 25, 2016, Christmas Day (White or Gold)

**Isaiah 52:7-10** Messenger's feet beautiful. People comforted. Script: The Most Beautiful Christmas Stocking  
UMH 251 Go, Tell it on the Mountain • TFWS 2040 Awesome God

**Psalm 98 (UMH 818)**

UMH 224 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice • TFWS 2045 Sing a New Song to the Lord  
W&S 3015 How Great You Are

**Hebrews 1:1-4 (5-12)** Jesus is reflection of God's glory.  
UMH 248 On This Day Earth Shall Ring • TFWS 2128 Come and Find the Quiet Center

**John 1:1-14** The Word became flesh; we have seen his glory. Script: Sing a New Song  
(Choreography: All is Well, Smith & Kirkpatrick, arr. Larson, Hope Publishing, C5351)

UMH 250 Once in Royal David's City • TFWS 2240 One God and Father of Us All  
ZSS 45 And the Word Is God

### January 1, 2017, Epiphany of the Lord (These scriptures may also be used on January 6) (White or Gold)

**Isaiah 60:1-6** Glory of God's people. All will come to them. Script: Rise and Shine?  
UMH 725 Arise, Shine Out, Your Light Has Come • TFWS 2204 Light of the World

**Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 (UMH 795)** (Choreography: UMH 221 In the Bleak Midwinter)  
UMH 157 Jesus Shall Reign • TFWS 2070 He Is Exalted • W&S 3124 How Shall I Come Before the Lord

**Ephesians 3:1-12** God's plan shown to Paul: for Gentiles.  
(Choreography: UMH 251 Go, Tell it on the Mountain July-August 2016)  
UMH 419 I Am Thine, O Thine, O Lord • TFWS 2176 Make Me a Servant

**Matthew 2:1-12** The visitors from the east. Script: On the Road Again  
(Choreography: UMH 254 We Three Kings)  
TFWS 2094 Carol of the Epiphany • ZSS 64 Epiphany

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**Key to Resources:**

UMH = The United Methodist Hymnal  
ZSS = Zion Still Sings  
TFWS = The Faith We Sing  
W&S = Worship & Song

Numbers in parentheses after the Psalm refer to the page number of the Psalter in The United Methodist Hymnal, 1989. The lectionary readings are from The United Methodist Book of Worship, 1992.

**Choreography:** Choreographies with dates refer to issues of WorshipArts. All choreographies are available at www.UMFellowship.org/Dance

**Dramatic Reading:** Scriptures formatted for dramatic reading are from the NRSV and available for a small cost on the website of Acting In Faith, www.actinginfait.html

**Script:** Also available at www.actinginfait.com
The time between January 6 and Ash Wednesday (from 4 to 9 Sundays) is designated variously as Sundays after Epiphany or Sundays in “ordinary time.” As is true also in the Post-Pentecost time, readings are chosen to be independent and semi-continuous rather than in “thematic harmony.”

### January 8, 2017, Baptism of the Lord, First Sunday After the Epiphany (White or Gold)

**Isaiah 42:1-9** Lord’s Servant. Bring justice to nations.
- UMH 188 Christ Is the World’s Light • TFWS 2130 The Summons
- ZSS 218 As You Go, Tell the World

**Psalm 29**
- UMH 761 God of Grace and God of Glory • TFWS 2157 Come and Fill Our Hearts

**Acts 10:34-43** Peter’s speech before Cornelius is baptized.
- (Choreography: UMH 393 Spirit of the Living God)
- TFWS 2083 My Song Is Love Unknown

**Matthew 3:13-17** The baptism of Jesus.
- UMH 252 When Jesus Came to Jordan • TFWS 2248 Baptized in Water
- W&S 3165 Take Me to the Water

### January 15, 2017, Second Sunday After the Epiphany, Human Relations Day (Green)

**Isaiah 49:1-7** Servant chosen to bring light to nations.
- UMH 568 Christ for the World We Sing • TFWS 2046 Womb of Life

**Psalm 40:1-11** (UMH 774) • (Choreography: UMH 593 Here I Am, Lord, May-June 2011)
- UMH 464 I Will Trust in the Lord • TFWS 2065 More Precious than Silver
- W&S 3131 Hear My Prayer, O God

1 Corinthians 1:1-9 Blessings in Christ: will keep you firm.
- UMH 579 Lord God, Your Love Has Called Us Here
- UMH 518 O Thou, in Whose Presence • TFWS 2218 You Are Mine • ZSS 44 Greater

**John 1:29-42** John: “Behold the Lamb of God.”
- Dramatic Reading
- UMH 603 Come, Holy Ghost, Our Hearts Inspire • TFWS 2113 Lamb of God

### January 22, 2017, Third Sunday After the Epiphany (Green)

**Isaiah 9:1-4** Those in darkness have seen a great light.
- UMH 440 Let There Be Light • TFWS 2008 Let All Things Now Living • ZSS 8 Almighty

**Psalm 27:1, 4-9** (UMH 758)
- UMH 385 Let Us Plead for Faith Alone • TFWS 2166 Christ Beside Me

1 Corinthians 1:10-18 Divisions in the Church. Is Christ divided?
- UMH 435 O God of Every Nation • TFWS 2175 Together We Serve

**Matthew 4:12-23** Jesus’ ministry begins, calls the four.
- (Choreography: John L. Bell, GIA Publications, G-5285)
- UMH 398 Jesus Calls Us • TFWS 2101 Two Fishermen • W&S 3160 We Will Follow

### January 29, 2017, Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany (Green)

**Micah 6:1-8** What does Lord require: justice, mercy, piety.
- (Choreography: UMH 87 What Gift Can We Bring) • TFWS 2174 What Does the Lord Require of You
- ZSS 211 What Shall I Render?

**Psalm 15**
- UMH 747 O For a Heart to Praise My God • TFWS 2113 Lamb of God

1 Corinthians 1:18-31 God chose “foolish” to shame the “wise.”
- (Choreography: UMH 451 Be Thou My Vision, January-February 2012)
- UMH 504 The Old Rugged Cross • TFWS 2004 Praise the Source of Faith and Learning

**Matthew 5:1-12** Sermon on Mount: the Beatitudes.
- UMH 130 God Will Take Care of You • (Choreography: TFWS 2155 Best Are They, Sept-Oct 2011)

### February 5, 2017, Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany (Green)

**Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12)** True piety: care for oppressed and poor.
- UMH 729 O Day of Peace That Dimly Shines • TFWS 2131 Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord

**Psalm 112:1-10**
- UMH 833 For a Heart to Praise My God • TFWS 2241 The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve
- W&S 3162 Stand in Awe

1 Corinthians 2:1-12 God’s wisdom hidden to world but clear to us.
- UMH 714 I Know Whom I Have Believed • TFWS 2203 In His Time • ZSS 102 World Without Walls

**Matthew 5:13-20** You are salt and light. The Law.
- (Choreography: Keep Your Lamps, May-June 2007)
- UMH 585 This Little Light of Mine • TFWS 2204 Light of the World
February 12, 2017, Sixth Sunday After the Epiphany, Scouting Sunday (Green)

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 “I will give you a choice between life and death.”

(Choreography: UMH 430 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee) • TFWS 2068 I Love You, Lord • W&S 3116 Love the Lord

Psalm 119:1-8 (UMH 840)

UMH 410 I Want a Principle Within • TFWS 2242 Walk With Me

1 Corinthians 3:1-9 We are partners working together for God.

UMH 558 We Are the Church • TFWS 2223 They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Matthew 5:21-37 Teaching about the Law, anger, adultery.

UMH 562 Jesus, Lord, We Look to Thee • TFWS 2226 Bind Us Together

ZSS 92 There's No Me, There's No You

February 19, 2017, Seventh Sunday After the Epiphany (Green)


UMH 467 Trust and Obey • TFWS 2167 More Like You

Psalm 119:33-40 (UMH 840)

(Choreography: UMH 521 I Want Jesus to Walk with Me) • TFWS 2214 Lead Me, Guide Me

W&S 3073 We Walk His Way

1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23 Jesus is foundation. True wisdom.

UMH 529 How Firm a Foundation • TFWS 2202 Come Away with Me • ZSS 159 Thy Way, O Lord

Matthew 5:38-48 Turn the other cheek. Love your enemies.

UMH 557 Blest Be the Tie That Binds • TFWS 2238 In the Midst of New Dimensions

February 26, 2017, Transfiguration Sunday (White or Gold)

Exodus 24:12-18 God appears to Moses.

UMH 173 Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies • TFWS 2102 Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory

Psalm 99 (UMH 819)

UMH 157 Jesus Shall Reign • TFWS 2075 King of Kings • W&S 3039 Jesus, the Saving Name

2 Peter 1:16-21 Not made-up stories. We are eyewitnesses.

UMH 176 Majesty, Worship His Majesty • TFWS 2060 God, the Sculptor of the Mountains

Matthew 17:1-9 The Transfiguration. Dramatic Reading

UMH 260 Christ, Upon the Mountain Peak • TFWS 2103 We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

ZSS 173 Lead Me, Guide Me

Lent

Lent, the 40 days before Easter (not counting Sundays), begins with Ash Wednesday and runs for six Sundays including Passion/Palm Sunday. Earliest emphasis was upon preparation for baptism and membership. Later emphasis turned toward penitence. Recent practice is to return to discipline and learning in preparation for the Easter celebration. The color purple is traditionally associated with this season.

March 1, 2017, Ash Wednesday (Purple)

(Choreography: W&S 3098 Dust and Ashes)

Joel 2:1-2,12-17 Day of Lord is coming. Return, fast, repent.

UMH 357 Just as I Am, Without One Plea • TFWS 2136 There Are Some Things I May Not Know

Psalm 51:1-17 (UMH 785) Script: Blow the Trumpet

UMH 382 Have Thine Own Way, Lord • TFWS 2147 There Are Some Things I May Not Know

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 Be reconciled to God. Now is the time.

(Choreography: UMH 560 Help Us Accept Each Other)

UMH 383 This Is a Day of New Beginnings • TFWS 2164 Sanctuary

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 Teaching on religious observances, fasting.

UMH 395 Take Time to Be Holy • TFWS 2159 Jesus, Draw Me Close

ZSS 154 Hold to God's Unchanging Hand

March 5, 2017, First Sunday in Lent (Purple)

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 Creation of humans and disobedience.

UMH 349 Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus • (Choreography: TFWS 2166 Christ Beside Me)

Psalm 32 (UMH 766) Script: Hold Your Head Up to the Lord

UMH 391 O Happy Day, That Fixed My Choice • TFWS 2158 Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Romans 5:12-19 Sin came with Adam. Grace came with Christ.

UMH 389 Freely, Freely • TFWS 2134 Forgive Us, Lord • W&S 3104 Amazing Grace

Matthew 4:1-11 The temptation of Jesus. Script: Good vs. Gooder; Dramatic Reading

UMH 269 Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

TFWS 2105 Jesus, Tempted in the Desert • ZSS 66 Yield Not to Temptation
March 12, 2017, Second Sunday in Lent [Daylight Savings Time begins] (Purple)

Genesis 12:1-4a God calls Abram.
UMH 116 The God of Abraham Praise • TFWS 2032 My Life Is in You, Lord
Psalm 121 (UMH 844) (Choreography: I Lift up Mine Eyes to the Hills, January-February 2011)
UMH 523 Saranam, Saranam • TFWS 2197 Lord of All Hopefulness
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 Example of Abraham. Promise had through faith.
UMH 508 Faith, While Trees Are Still in Blossom • TFWS 2196 We Walk by Faith
ZSS 23 A Cause to Celebrate
John 3:1-17 Nicodemus. God so loved the world. Script: Nicodemus and Jesus; Dramatic Reading
(Choreography: UMH 301 Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross)
UMH 605 Wash, O God Our Sons and Daughters • TFWS 2251 We Were Baptized in Christ Jesus
W&S 3110 By Grace We Have Been Saved

March 19, 2017, Third Sunday in Lent (Purple)

Exodus 17:1-7 Complaining of Israel. Water from the rock. Dramatic Reading
UMH 577 God of Grace and God of Glory • TFWS 2218 You Are Mine
Psalm 95 (UMH 814)
UMH 158 Come, Christians, Join to Sing • TFWS 2074 Shout to the Lord
Romans 5:1-11 We have been put right with God through Christ.
(Choreography: UMH 707 Hymn of Promise, January-February 2010) • TFWS 2145 I’ve Got Peace Like a River
ZSS 174 Center of My Joy
John 4:5-42 Jesus and the Samaritan woman. Script: No Refills Needed; Dramatic Reading
UMH 641 Fill My Cup, Lord • TFWS 2250 I’ve Just Come from the Fountain
W&S 3093 Fill My Cup, Lord

March 26, 2017, Fourth Sunday in Lent, UMCOR Sunday (Purple)

1 Samuel 16:1-13 Covenant with David. He is anointed king. Dramatic Reading
UMH 509 Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me • (Choreography: TFWS 2208 Guide My Feet)
Psalm 23 (UMH 754 or 137) (Choreography: Psalm 23, March-April 2008)
UMH 138 The King of Love My Shepherd Is • TFWS 2058 Shepherd Me, O God
Ephesians 5:8-14 You were in dark; have been brought to light.
(Choreography: UMH 206 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light)
UMH 551 Awake, O Sleeper, Rise • TFWS 2173 Shine, Jesus, Shine
W&S 3137 Lord Jesus Christ, Your Light Shines
John 9:1-41 Jesus heals the man born blind. Dramatic Reading
UMH 262 Heal Me, Hands of Jesus • TFWS 2213 Healer of Our Every Ill • ZSS 119 Heal Me

April 2, 2017, Fifth Sunday in Lent (Purple, Scarlet or Red)

UMH 420 Breathe on Me, Breath of God • TFWS 2139 Oh, I Know the Lord’s Laid His Hands on Me
W&S 3145 Breath of God, Breath of Peace
Psalm 130 (UMH 848)
UMH 516 Canticle of Redemption • TFWS 2136 Out of the Depths
Romans 8:6-11 Life by nature and life in the Spirit.
UMH 331 Holy Spirit, Come, Confirm Us • TFWS 2150 Lord, Be Glorified
John 11:1-45 The raising of Lazarus. Script: Choosing Life; Dramatic Reading
(Choreography: UMH 261 Lord of the Dance, May-June 2011)
TFWS 2158 Just a Closer Walk with Thee • ZSS 186 I Will Arise

April 9, 2017, Palm/Passion Sunday (Purple, Scarlet or Red)

Liturgy Matthew 21:1-11 Jesus enters Jerusalem. (Choreography: UMH 279 Filled with Excitement), of the
UMH 280 All Glory, Laud, and Honor • TFWS 2109 Hosanna! Hosanna!
W&S 3077 All Glory, Laud, and Honor
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (UMH 839)
UMH 657 This Is the Day • TFWS 2270 He Has Made Me Glad
Liturgy Isaiah 50:4-9a The Servant: suffer in obedience.
of the
UMH 142 If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee • TFWS 2275 Kyrie
Passion Psalm 31:9-16 (UMH 764)
UMH 474 Precious Lord, Take My Hand • TFWS 2055 You Are My Hiding Place
Philippians 2:5-11 Your attitude like Christ: emptied self.
UMH 168 At the Name of Jesus • TFWS 2071 Jesus, Name above All Names • ZSS 74 Lamb of God
Matthew 26:14–27:66 Passion reading (or Matthew 27:11-54) Script: Ears to Hear; Dramatic Reading
UMH 287 O Love Divine, What Hast Thou Done
TFWS 2137 Would I Have Answered When You Called
Easter

April 16, 2017, Easter Sunday (White or Gold)
Acts 10:34-43 Peter: They killed him; God raised him.
UMH 306 The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done
TFWS 2114 At the Font We Start Our Journey • W&S 3090 The Easter Song
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 UMH 662 Stand Up and Bless the Lord
TFWS 2084 Come, Let Us with Our Lord Arise
Colossians 3:1-4 You are raised to life with Christ. Therefore...
UMH 303 The Day of Resurrection • TFWS 2161 To Know You More
(Choreography: UMH 288 Were You There)
UMH 302 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today • TFWS 2077 You Alone Are Holy
ZSS 77 Raised, He’s Been Raised from the Dead

April 23, 2017, Second Sunday of Easter, Festival of God’s Creation (White or Gold)
Acts 2:14a, 22-32 Peter proclaims the Good News about Jesus.
UMH 165 Hallelujah! What a Savior • TFWS 2083 My Song Is Love Unknown
Psalm 116:1-2, 14-24 (UMH 839)
UMH 662 Stand Up and Bless the Lord
TFWS 2084 Come, Let Us with Our Lord Arise
Colossians 3:1-4 You are raised to life with Christ. Therefore...
UMH 303 The Day of Resurrection • TFWS 2161 To Know You More
(Choreography: W&S 3090 Easter Song, Herring/arr. Wilson, Hope Publishing, C5328)
or Matthew 28:1-10 Mary and empty tomb. Script: The Resurrection; Dramatic Reading
UMH 302 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today • TFWS 2077 You Alone Are Holy
ZSS 77 Raised, He’s Been Raised from the Dead

April 30, 2017, Third Sunday of Easter, Native American Ministries Sunday (White or Gold)
Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Response of people: believed and baptized.
UMH 610 We Know That Christ Is Raised • TFWS 2252 Come, Be Baptized
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 (UMH 837)
UMH 164 Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life • TFWS 2176 Make Me a Servant
1 Peter 1:17-23 Have confidence in God who raised Christ.
UMH 378 Amazing Grace • TFWS 2142 Blessed Quietness
ZSS 204 The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power
UMH 454 Open My Eyes, That I May See • TFWS 2269 Come, Share the Lord
W&S 3086 Day of Arising
May 7, 2017, Fourth Sunday of Easter (White or Gold)
   UMH 334 Sweet, Sweet Spirit • (Choreography: TFWS 2223 They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love)
   ZSS 99 We All Are One in Mission
Psalm 23 (UMH 754 or 137)  (Choreography: Psalm 23, March-April 2008)
   UMH 138 The King of Love My Shepherd Is • TFWS 2214 Lead Me, Guide Me
1 Peter 2:19-25  The example of Christ's suffering.
   UMH 381 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us • TFWS 2140 Since Jesus Came into My Heart
   (Choreography: W&S 3141 Holy Darkness, January-February 2007)
John 10:1-10  Parables: shepherds and thieves.
   UMH 629 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart • TFWS 2218 You Are Mine

May 14, 2017, Fifth Sunday After Easter, Festival of the Christian Home/Mother's Day (White or Gold)
   UMH 534 Be Still, My Soul • TFWS 2216 When We Are Called to Sing Your Praise
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16  (UMH 764)
   UMH 110 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God • TFWS 2208 Guide My Feet
   W&S 3074 Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land
1 Peter 2:2-10  Lord is living stone. You kingdom of priests.  Script: The Great LS
   UMH 502 Thy Holy Wings, O Savior • TFWS 2248 Baptized in Water
   ZSS 193 Water Flowing Free
John 14:1-14  Don't worry; I am the way, truth, life.
   UMH 364 Because He Lives • TFWS 2119 Where the Spirit of the Lord Is

May 21, 2017, Sixth Sunday of Easter, Heritage Sunday (White or Gold)
Acts 17:22-31  Paul's sermon to the Athenians.
   UMH 152 I Sing the Mighty Power of God • TFWS 2027 Now Praise the Hidden God of Love
   W&S 3176 Come, Now Is the Time to Worship
Psalm 66:8-20  (UMH 790)
   UMH 529 How Firm a Foundation • TFWS 2001 We Sing to You, O God
1 Peter 3:13-22  Christ died for our sins. Suffer for doing right.
   UMH 502 Thy Holy Wings, O Savior • TFWS 2248 Baptized in Water
   ZSS 193 Water Flowing Free
   UMH 364 Because He Lives • TFWS 2119 Where the Spirit of the Lord Is

May 25, 2017, Ascension of the Lord (White or Gold)
(These readings may also be used on Sunday, May 28.)
   UMH 312 Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise • TFWS 2070 He Is Exalted
   ZSS 79 Your Power
Psalm 47  (UMH 781)
   UMH 781 Psalm 47 • TFWS 2279 The Trees of the Field
Ephesians 1:15-23  Paul's prayer. Christ is ruler over all.
   UMH 155 All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name • TFWS 2086 Open Our Eyes
   W&S 3008 Open the Eyes of My Heart
   UMH 176 Majesty, Worship His Majesty • TFWS 2077 You Alone Are Holy

May 28, 2017, Seventh Sunday of Easter (White or Gold)
   UMH 541 See How Great a Flame Aspires • TFWS 2123 Loving Spirit
   W&S 3087 O Christ, When You Ascended
Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35  (UMH 792)
   UMH 66 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven • TFWS 2074 Shout to the Lord
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11  Suffer gladly as Christian. Be on the alert.
   UMH 369 Blessed Assurance • TFWS 2131 Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord
John 17:1-11  Jesus' prayer for his disciples.
   UMH 547 O Church of God, United • TFWS 2150 Lord, Be Glorified
   ZSS 36 The Glory Song
After Pentecost

June 11, 2017, Trinity Sunday, Peace With Justice Sunday (First Sunday After Pentecost) (White or Gold)

Genesis 1:1–2:4a First story of creation. The seven days. Script: Genesis Rap
(Choreography: Interpret James Weldon Johnson's poem “God's Trombones”) (Choreography: UMH 145 Morning Has Broken, September-October 2012)
UMH 109 Creating God, Your Fingers Trace • TFWS 2060 God the Sculptor of the Mountains
Psalm 8 (UMH 743)
UMH 115 How Like a Gentle Spirit • TFWS 2023 How Majestic Is Your Name
W&S 3015 How Great You Are
2 Corinthians 13:11-13 Final warnings and a trinitarian farewell.
UMH 730 O Day of God, Draw Nigh • TFWS 2169 God, How Can We Forgive
ZSS 89 Koinonia
Matthew 28:16-20 Jesus sends disciples out. In Trinity,
UMH 569 We've a Story to Tell to the Nations • TFWS 2206 Without Seeing You

June 18, 2017, Second Sunday After Pentecost, Father's Day (Green)

Genesis 21:8-21 Hagar and Ishmael sent away.
UMH 515 Out of the Depths I Cry to You • TFWS 2089 Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice
ZSS 128 Y our Grace and Mercy
Psalm 86:1-10, 12-19 or Psalm 17 (UMH 749)
UMH 132 All My Hope Is Firmly Grounded • TFWS 2200 O Lord, Hear My Prayer
Romans 6:1b-11 All baptized into Christ raised to new life.
UMH 547 O Church of God, United • TFWS 2220 We Are God's People
Matthew 10:24-39 Don't fear people. Stand in Awe of Christ.
UMH 532 Jesus, Priceless Treasure • TFWS 2244 People Need the Lord • W&S 3116 Love the Lord

June 26, 2017, Third Sunday After Pentecost (Green)

UMH 139 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty • TFWS 2196 We Walk by Faith
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 (UMH 837)
UMH 99 My Tribute • TFWS 2031 We Bring the Sacrifices of Praise • TFWS 2068 I Love You, Lord
Matthew 9:35–10:8 (9-23) Jesus preaches, heals. Sends out the twelve.
UMH 263 When Jesus the Healer Passed Through Galilee • TFWS 2184 Sent Out in Jesus' Name
Romans 5:1-8 Have been put right with God by faith.
UMH 298 (299) When I Survey the Wondrous Cross • UMH 365 Grace Greater than Our Sin
TFWS 2211 Faith Is Patience in the Night

July 2, 2017, Fourth Sunday After Pentecost (Green)

Genesis 22:1-14 Abraham tested: sacrifice of Isaac. Dramatic Reading
(Choreography: UMH 593 Here I Am, Lord, May-June 2012)
TFWS 2031 We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise • ZSS 212 Offering
Psalm 13 (UMH 746)
UMH 534 Be Still, My Soul • TFWS 2002 I Will Call upon the Lord
Romans 6:12-23 We were slaves to sin; now of righteousness.
UMH 389 Freely, Freely • TFWS 2219 Goodness Is Stronger than Evil
W&S 3110 By Grace We Have Been Saved
Matthew 10:40-42 To welcome the other is to welcome Jesus.
UMH 425 O Crucified Redeemer • TFWS 2222 The Servant Song
July 9, 2017, Fifth Sunday After Pentecost (Green)
   UMH 142 If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee • TFWS 2053 If It Had Not Been for the Lord
Psalm 45:10-17 or 72 (UMH 795)
   UMH 177 He Is Lord • TFWS 2018 Honor and Praise
Romans 7:15-25a The conflict within us. Thank God for Christ!
   UMH 591 Rescue the Perishing • TFWS 2242 Walk with Me • W&S 3097 Depth of Mercy
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 Come to me and rest. Take my yoke.
   UMH 337 Only Trust Him • TFWS 2206 Without Seeing You • ZSS 171 Come unto Jesus

July 16, 2017, Sixth Sunday After Pentecost (Green)
   UMH 121 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy • TFWS 2220 We Are God's People
   W&S 3122 Christ Has Broken Down the Wall
Psalm 119:105-112 or 25 (UMH 756)
   UMH 603 Come, Holy Ghost, Our Hearts Inspire • TFWS 2246 Deep in the Shadows of the Past
Romans 8:1-11 Live by the Spirit not by our human nature.
   UMH 347 Spirit Song • (Choreography: TFWS 2166 Christ Beside Me)
   ZSS 97 How Like a Gentle Spirit
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 Parable of the sower and the explanation.
   UMH 596 Blessed Jesus, Our common life

July 23, 2017, Seventh Sunday After Pentecost (Green)
Genesis 28:10-19a Jacob's dream at Bethel. Covenant.
   UMH 116 The God of Abraham Praise • TFWS 2049 God Is Here Today
Psalm 139:1-7, 12-24 (UMH 854) (Choreography: You Searched Me, Lord, July-August 2007)
   UMH 473 Lead Me, Lord • TFWS 2165 Cry of My Heart • ZSS 1 All Around Me!
Romans 8:12-25 Since we're God's children, glory in the future.
   UMH 368 My Hope Is Built • TFWS 2197 Lord of All Hopefulness • W&S 3131 Hear My Prayer, O God
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 Parable of the weeds and the explanation.
   UMH 427 Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life • (Choreography: TFWS 2223 They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love)

July 30, 2017, Eighth Sunday After Pentecost (Green)
Genesis 29:15-28 Jacob works fourteen years for wives. Dramatic Reading
   UMH 445 Happy the Home When God Is There • TFWS 2183 Unsettled World
Psalm 105:1-11, 45b (UMH 828)
   UMH 126 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above • TFWS 2036 Give Thanks • W&S 3041 Praise Him
Romans 8:26-39 Sustained in weakness. Confidence is in God.
   UMH 406 Canticle of Prayer • TFWS 2120 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 Parable: mustard seed, treasure, pearl, net.
   UMH 275 Thy Kingdom of God • TFWS 2226 Bind Us Together • ZSS 134 God Is

August 6, 2017, Ninth Sunday After Pentecost (Green)
Genesis 32:22-31 Jacob wrestles at Jabbok River. Dramatic Reading
   UMH 511 Am I a Soldier of the Cross • TFWS 2163 He Who Began a Good Work in You
   ZSS 106 We Shall Overcome
Psalm 17:1-7, 15 (UMH 749)
   UMH 523 Saranam, Saranam • TFWS 2202 Come Away with Me
Romans 9:1-5 Paul's pain for his fellow Jews.
   UMH 98 To God Be the Glory • TFWS 2033 Glory to God
Matthew 14:13-21 Feeding of the five thousand.
   (Choreography: UMH 430 O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee)
   UMH 549 Where Charity and Love Prevail • TFWS 2196 We Walk by Faith • W&S 3162 Stand in Awe

August 13, 2017, Tenth Sunday After Pentecost (Green)
Genesis 37:1-4,12-28 Joseph sold into slavery by brothers. Dramatic Reading
   UMH 129 Give to the Wind Thy Fears • TFWS 2053 If It Had Not Been for the Lord
Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b (UMH 828)
   UMH 124 Seek the Lord • TFWS 2003 Praise You
Romans 10:5-15 Salvation there for all in Christ.
   UMH 394 Something Beautiful • TFWS 2152 Change My Heart, O God • W&S 3104 Amazing Grace
Matthew 14:22-33 Jesus walks on the water.
   UMH 349 Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus • TFWS 2162 Grace Alone • ZSS 216 If You Say Go
August 20, 2017, Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost (Green)

- UMH 128 He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought • TFWS 2208 Guide My Feet
- Psalm 133 (UMH 850)
  - UMH 556 Litany for Christian Unity • TFWS 2224 Make Us One • W&S 3127 I Have a Dream
- Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 God's salvation, for Jew and Gentile.
  - UMH 436 The Voice of God Is Calling • TFWS 2137 Would I Have Answered When You Called
- Matthew 15:10-20 What comes out mouth. Foreign woman's faith.
  - UMH 508 Faith, While Trees Are Still in Blossom • TFWS 2211 Faith Is Patience in the Night

ZSS 120 Father, I Stretch My Hands to Thee

August 27, 2017, Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost (Green)

Exodus 1:8–2:10 Israel slave in Egypt. Moses is born.
- Dramatic Reading
- UMH 447 Our Parent, by Whose Name • TFWS 2189 A Mother Lined a Basket
- Psalm 133 (UMH 850)
  - UMH 556 Litany for Christian Unity • TFWS 2224 Make Us One • W&S 3127 I Have a Dream
- Romans 12:1-8 Offer ourselves and our gifts to God.
  - (Choreography: UMH 114 Many Gifts, One Spirit, November-December 2009) • TFWS 2228 Sacred the Body • ZSS 212 Offering
- Matthew 16:13-20 "Who do you say I am?" "You are the Christ."
  - Script: Who Do You Say That I Am?
  - UMH 545 The Church's One Foundation • TFWS 2190 Bring Forth the Kingdom • W&S 3147 Built on a Rock

September 3, 2017, Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost (Green)

Exodus 3:1-15 God calls Moses from burning bush.
- Dramatic Reading
  - (Choreography: He is A Mighty Lord,Jay Althouse, Glory Sound: Shawnee Press, A7736)
- Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b (UMH 828)
  - UMH 371 I Stand Amazed in the Presence • TFWS 2272 Holy Ground • ZSS 103 There's a Spirit of Love in This Place
- Romans 12:8-21 Exhortation to life in God's service.
  - (Choreography: UMH 206 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light)
  - UMH 408 The Gift of Love • TFWS 2169 God, How Can We Forgive • W&S 3152 Welcome
  - UMH 188 Christ Is the World's Light • TFWS 2178 Here Am I • ZSS 71 Nothing Between

September 10, 2017, Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost (Green)

Exodus 12:1-14 Account of the Passover.
- Dramatic Reading
  - (Choreography: Rejoice in the Lord Always)
- Psalm 149 or 148 (UMH 861)
  - UMH 682 All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night • TFWS 2170 God Made from One Blood
- Romans 13:8-14 Duties of Christians toward one another.
  - (Choreography: UMH 134 O Mary, Don't You Weep, Don't You Mourn)
  - UMH 415 Take Up Thy Cross • TFWS 2153 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

September 17, 2017, Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost (Green)

Exodus 16:2-15 God feeds Israel. Manna and quail.
- Dramatic Reading
  - (Choreography: UMH 134 O Mary, Don't You Weep, Don't You Mourn)
- Psalm 149 or 148 (UMH 861)
  - UMH 439 We Utter Our Cry • TFWS 2162 Grace Alone
- Romans 1:1-12 Welcome the other, do not judge.
  - UMH 463 Lord, Speak to Me • TFWS 2207 Lord, Listen to Your Children • W&S 3138 Confession
- Matthew 16:21-28 Parable of the unforgiving servant.
  - Script: It's Not Fair!
  - UMH 390 Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive • (Choreography: TFWS 2172 We Are Called) • ZSS 20 I Will Celebrate Medley

September 24, 2017, Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost (Green)

- Dramatic Reading
  - UMH 579 Lord God, Your Love Has Called Us Here • TFWS 2149 Living for Jesus • ZSS 52 Incredible
  - Script: It's Not Fair!
  - UMH 550 Christ, from Whom All Blessings Flow • TFWS 2162 Grace Alone
October 1, 2017, Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost, World Communion Sunday (Green)
Exodus 17:1-7 God gives them water from the rock. Dramatic Reading
UMH 505 When Our Confidence Is Shaken • TFWS 2203 In His Time
Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 (UMH 799)
UMH 454 Open My Eyes, That I May See • TFWS 2086 Open Our Eyes
(Choreography: Take, O Take Me As I Am, John L. Bell, GIA Publications, G-5285)
UMH 166 All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine • TFWS 2130 The Summons
ZSS 19 I Will Bless Thee, O Lord
UMH 450 Creator of the Earth and Skies • TFWS 2129 I Have Decided to Follow Jesus
W&S 3150 Father, We Have Heard You Calling

October 8, 2017, Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost, Children's Sabbath (Green)
Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 The Decalogue. (Choreography: UMH 620 One Bread, One Body)
UMH 427 Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life • TFWS 2134 Forgive Us, Lord
W&S 3117 Rule of Life
Psalm 19 (UMH 750)
UMH 160 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart • TFWS 2065 More Precious than Silver
Philippians 3:4b-14 Paul the essential Jew. "I run for the goal."
UMH 452 My Faith Looks Up to Thee • TFWS 2161 To Know You More
ZSS 175 I'm Determined
Matthew 21:33-46 Parable of the tenants in the vineyard.
UMH 428 For the Healing of the Nations • TFWS 2060 God the Sculptor of the Mountains

October 15, 2017, Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost, Laity Sunday (Green)
Exodus 32:1-14 The Golden Calf. Dramatic Reading
UMH 121 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy • TFWS 2183 Unsettled World
Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 (UMH 829)
UMH 555 Forward Through the Ages • TFWS 2219 Goodness Is Stronger than Evil
Philippians 4:1-9 Instructions for the faithful.
UMH 715 Rejoice, the Lord Is King • TFWS 2022 Great Is the Lord • W&S 3011 All My Days
Matthew 22:1-14 Parable of the wedding feast. (Choreography: Keep Your Lamps, May-June 2007)
UMH 338 Where He Leads Me • TFWS 2172 We Are Called

October 22, 2017, Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost (Green)
Exodus 33:12-23 God promises to be with Israel. (Choreography: God Is Our Refuge, May-June 2010)
UMH 361 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me • TFWS 2208 Guide Me Feet
Psalm 99 (UMH 819)
UMH 479 Jesus, Lover of My Soul • TFWS 2234 Lead On, O Cloud of Presence
ZSS 153 Holy Is His Name
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Thanks for your example. Others admire it.
UMH 508 Faith, While Trees Are Still in Blossom • TFWS 2193 Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying
W&S 3177 Here I Am to Worship
Matthew 22:15-22 The question about paying taxes. Script: Whose Money Is It?
UMH 410 I Want a Principle Within • TFWS 2174 What Does the Lord Require of You

October 29, 2017, Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost (Green)
Deuteronomy 34:1-12 Moses gives final blessing and dies.
UMH 524 Beams of Heaven as I Go • TFWS 2192 Freedom Is Coming
Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 (UMH 789)
UMH 113 Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud • TFWS 2209 How Long, O Lord
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 Paul's faithfulness as their teacher.
UMH 558 We Are the Church • TFWS 2226 Bind Us Together • W&S 3149 A Place at the Table
Matthew 22:34-46 Great Commandment. Questions: Messiah. Script: Chicken or Egg
UMH 646 Canticle of Love • TFWS 2168 Love the Lord Your God • ZSS 140 If I Can Help Somebody
November 1, 2017, All Saints’ Day (White or Gold)
(These readings may also be used on November 5)
Revelation 7:9-17 The crowd worshipping around the Throne.
(Choreography: UMH 711 For All the Saints)
UMH 709 Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above • TFWS 2283 For All the Saints
W&S 3189 There Is a Higher Throne
Psalm 34:1-10, 22 (UMH 769)
UMH 57 O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing • TFWS 2267 Taste and See
1 John 3:1-3 We are God’s children.
UMH 419 I Am Thine, O Lord • TFWS 2108 O How He Loves You and Me
ZSS 137 O I Want to See Him
Matthew 5:1-12 The Beatitudes. (Choreography: TFWS 2155 Best Are They, September-October 2011)
UMH 731 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken
TFWS 2137 Would I Have Answered When You Called

November 5, 2017, Twenty-second Sunday After Pentecost [Daylight Savings Time ends]
(White or Gold)
Joshua 3:7-17 Ark and people cross the Jordan on dry ground.
UMH 724 On Jordan’s Stormy Banks I Stand • TFWS 2235-b We Are Marching
Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37 (UMH 830)
UMH 84 Thank You, Lord • TFWS 2031 We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 Thessalonians witness. Paul’s work with them.
UMH 107 La Palabra Del Señor Es Recta • TFWS 2018 Honor and Praise
ZSS 206 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ
(Choreography: UMH 451 Be Thou My Vision, January-February 2012)
UMH 451 Be Thou My Vision • TFWS 2131 I'll Fly Away

November 12, 2017, Twenty-third Sunday After Pentecost, Organ/Tissue Donor Sunday, Bible Sunday, Int’l Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church (Green)
Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 Covenant at Schechem. “Choose this day.” Dramatic Reading
UMH 732 Come, We That Love the Lord • TFWS 2270 He Is Exalted
Psalm 78:1-7 (UMH 799)
UMH 649 How Shall They Hear the Word of God
TFWS 2147 There Are Some Things I May Not Know • W&S 3184 Word of God, Speak
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 What will happen on the Day of the Lord?
UMH 553 And Are We Yet Alive • TFWS 2282 I'll Fly Away
Matthew 25:1-13 Parable of ten girls and oil lamps.
UMH 720 Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying • TFWS 2284 Joy in the Morning • ZSS 129 Watch Night

November 19, 2017, Twenty-fourth Sunday After Pentecost (Green)
Judges 4:1-7 Story of Deborah and Barak.
UMH 411 Dear Lord, Lead Me Day by Day • TFWS 2214 Lead Me, Guide Me
Psalm 123 or Psalm 76 (UMH 797)
UMH 454 Open My Eyes, That I May See • TFWS 2086 Open Our Eyes
UMH 188 Christ Is the World’s Light • TFWS 2204 Light of the World • ZSS 136 Soon and Very Soon
Matthew 25:14-30 “Then will come the end of the world.” (Choreography: Spirit of Love, March-April 2006)
UMH 732 Come, We That Love the Lord • TFWS 2270 He Has Made Me Glad
ZSS 136 Soon and Very Soon

November 26, 2017, Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday (White or Gold)
Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 “I am the shepherd and will care for my sheep.”
UMH 138 The King of Love My Shepherd Is (Choreography: Psalm 23)
TFWS 2058 Shepherd Me, O God
Psalm 100 (UMH 821)
UMH 821 Psalm 100 • TFWS 2017 Come, Rejoice in God
Ephesians 1:15-23 Paul’s prayer that they receive the Spirit.
UMH 324 Hail Thee, Festival Day • TFWS 2086 Open Our Eyes
ZSS 166 Somebody Prayed for Me
Matthew 25:31-46 Final judgment: When did we see you? Dramatic Reading
UMH 405 Seek Ye First • TFWS 2178 Here Am I • W&S 3128 Whatever You Do

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