

SPECIAL
SUNDAY

HUMAN RELATIONS DAY

LITURGY



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This liturgy is part of the Human Relations Day pastor and leader kit and connects with the theme, “Restoring Community.” The prayers can be adapted for your context and integrated into your worship service.

INVOCATION (based on Isaiah 49:1-7)

Triune God of community, you gather us from far and near across time and place as your people. Thank you for forming us in your image and sending prophets to restore your beloved community. Pour out your Spirit on us as we prepare our hearts to worship you. Strengthen our relationships with one another and with the fullness of humanity. Just as you called together all those in exile, you call us to live as your family. Open us to receive the good news of your steadfast love. We pray in Jesus’ name.

Amen

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 40)

One: God has set our feet on solid rock and made our steps secure

All: With divine security we step forward to be part of restoring beloved community.

One: God has given us a new song to sing

All: In praise we declare, “let freedom ring.”

One: God has multiplied wonderful deeds for us

All: We can’t help but share the abundance we have been given.

One: God is generous with steadfast love and faithfulness

All: Thank you, God! Help us to do the same in our worship today.



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A woman in clerical attire, wearing a dark robe and a patterned stole, is reading from a book. She is looking towards a group of people, including a young girl in a floral dress and a woman in a white blazer. The background is a blurred church interior.

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OFFERING PRAYER

“God, your wondrous deeds are more than can be counted. Thank you for your faithfulness and salvation. Thank you for the resources you send us to free us from the sin of racism and other injustices. Receive these gifts from us. As they join with gifts from other United Methodists, multiply and transform them into your vision of a restored community.”

BENEDICTION

As you depart from this place,
May the Holy Spirit lead you to gather in
reconciliation and restoration.
May you see God’s imprint on
each person
May you share Christ’s love in the
beloved community.
Go in peace.



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