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Scriptures: [Scripture linked to NRSV at Oremus Bible Browser]

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 (Choose life)

Psalm 119:1-8 (Happy are they who walk in the law of the Lord)

1 Corinthians 3:1-9 (God gives growth)

Matthew 5:21-37 (The teaching of Christ: forgiveness)

Themes: Growth, Life, Choices, Discipleship, Unity, Reconciliation

FOCAL Faithelement PASSAGE: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

(Podcast will be ready 2 weeks before date of use)

HYMN SUGGESTIONS

Hymn Suggestions link to <u>Hymnary.ora</u>, a searchable resource with a wealth of information regarding writers, composers, alternate and associated texts and tunes, corresponding hymn numbers, and more. The tunes listed here are the ones most commonly associated with the texts.

All Are Welcome (Let Us Build a House) (Two OAKS)
As Grain on Scattered Hillsides (MERLE'S TUNE)
Blest Be the Tie That Binds (DENNIS)
Brethren, We Have Met to Worship (HOLY MANNA)
Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive (DETROIT; MORNING SONG)
In Christ There is No East or West (MCKEE; ST. PETER)
Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love (CHEREPONI)
Kum Ba Yah, My Lord (Ким Ва Yан)
Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song (BRIDEGROOM)
Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak (CANONBURY)
One Bread, One Body (ONE BREAD, ONE BODY)
Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above (MIT FREUDEN ZART)
The Church's One Foundation (AURELIA)
The Gift of Love (O WALY WALY)
There's a Spirit of Love in This Place (MEDEMA)
They'll Know We Are Christians (St. Brendan's)
Where Charity and Love Prevail (RESIGNATION; TWENTY-FOURTH; ST. PETER)
Before/During Prayer
Ubi Caritas et Amor (Live In Charity) (UBI CARITAS)

ANTHEMS

E = Easy, M = Moderate, MD = Moderately Difficult

Beati Quorum Via - MDPsalms C.V. Stanford © 1959, Boosey & Hawkes, 5318; cpdl.org #47488 SSATBB (Latin setting of Psalm 119:1)	My Great Reward - EPsalms K. Lee Scott © 1985, Concordia Publishing, 98-2715 2-Part Mixed, Organ
Day By Day - M	More Love - M Communion/1 Cor./Matt. Traditional Shaker Hymn/Sid Davis, arr. © 1987, Beckenhorst Press; BP1299 SATB, Keyboard
If Ye Love Me - E	Teach Me, O Lord - MPsalms Thomas Attwood/Archibald T. Davison, ed. © 1925, 1952, E.C. Schirmer Music Co., No. 372 SATB, Organ
If Ye Love Me - EPsalms	Youth and Children
Philip Wilby © 1992 Banks Music Publications, ECS 191 SSATB, Organ	Order My Steps - EDeuteronomy/Psalms Glenn Burleigh/Jack Schrader, arr. © 2000, Hope Publishing, C5083 SATB (and multiple other voicings), Piano.
Lord, I Want to Be a Christian - M1 Cor./Matt Traditional Spiritual/Moses Hogan, arr.	Rhythm & Bass parts available.
© 1996, Hal Leonard Corp, 08703140 SATB (divisi), a cappella	Hine Ma Tov - M
Ubi Caritas - MD Communion/1 Cor./Matt. Ola Gjeilo	2-Part Treble, Piano (<i>Hebrew setting of Psalm 133:1</i>)
© 2007, Walton Music Corp.; WW1386 SATB, a cappella, (with piano improv., WW1386A) (Where charity and love are)	Lord, Bless My Growing - E

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL (Prayers, Poems, Quotes & Liturgies)

"Growth begins when we start to accept our own weakness."

-- JEAN VANIER

My eternal Lord and Father, I am your poor, unworthy child. Teach me and make me know, so that I can observe Your ways. That is my truest desire. Amen.

-ANNELEIN OF FREIBURG (1512–1529)

CALL TO WORSHIP

(based upon Psalm 119:1-8)

One: God's invitation to us is to follow Christ.

All: It is a journey into Love.
One: The path is rarely smooth.
All: It is a journey into Truth.

One: The way features a narrow gate.

All: It is a journey into Wisdom.

One: Come, blessed Children of God:

All: Let us walk in the ways of God.

-- Warren Howell*

GATHERING PRAYER

Holy God, guide us by your goodness that we may walk in your ways. Give us hearts to seek your will and worship you always, growing in grace and love through Christ Jesus. Amen.

TWO VERSIONS OF THE LORD'S PRAYER

hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

I love your house
Your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

beloved name,
and your rule.
Nourish our bodies
and our spirits

And forgive us our debtors.

And forgive our debtors.

Forgive us

Our Father in heaven,

And do not bring us to the time of trial, and give us strength but rescue us from the evil one. to forgive others, For the kingdom and the power and teach us to see

and the glory are yours forever. Amen that we can choose the good.

-- Matthew 6 and traditional -- RICHARD BEALE, Silence and the Gift

Abba,

"Christian Unity incites us to be a people of fervent faith and calm temperament; a people of moderation and passionate commitment; and we are invited to be agents of its inauguration."

-MARTYN PERCY

There is a choice you have to make, in everything you do.

So keep in mind that in the end, the choice you make makes you.

-JOHN WOODEN

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CONFESSION

(based upon Psalm 119 and Ubi Caritas)

You say, "Happy are those whose way is blameless," but we have wandered from that road.
You say, "Happy are those whose heart-treasure is God's wisdom," but we've filled our hearts with lesser things.

Teach us to hold steadfastly to your ways, O God, and to practice charity with ourselves and one another as we grow in grace. For therein, you dwell with us. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Day to day, God offers us abundant and never-ending love. Here is the Good News: Through Christ Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life, God offers redemption and release. Thanks be to God!

BENEDICTION

God, the Creator of life, is before you.

Christ, the Way, Truth, and Life is with you,

And the ever present Holy Spirit
is within and around to guide and protect you.

Go in peace. Amen.

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