CANCER AWARENESS DAY

MUSIC & WORSHIP RESOURCES

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Worship Notes

Mid-Week or Evening Service: In lieu of a regular Sunday worship service, churches may want to hold a mid-week or weekend evening service. See #14 in “Cites and Additional Information” below for a worship outline with corresponding music and resources.

Rather than letting the distance widen between us and God, an illness is exactly the time for a deeper pursuit of God. In our traditional weekly worship services, cancer patients may glean spiritual messages that are relevant to their particular situation, but a worship
service can be designed to acknowledge and lay bare the pain and suffering caused by cancer, as well as provide a concentration of the positive and supportive messages found in Scripture that are relevant to the challenge of coping with cancer and cancer treatment.

*Lament*

One method for deepening our pursuit of God is the biblical practice of lament. Lament allows our sorrows and suffering to surface in free and courageous expression to God. Lament is not about psychology, nor about getting things off our chest. Lament is the groan of the Holy Spirit within us: our cries and tears, our longing for God’s healing of our inner and outer wounds, and the mercy of God’s salvation. It is about true worship—offering up as a sacrifice our pain to God. Lament is finding the language of the deepest contents of our hearts and pouring out our hopes and hurts before the Great Healer. Sometimes, in our worship-setting, this “pouring out” is to the pulpit, with the congregation merely responding to what they are hearing. When others are suffering, it takes courage and faith to move from empathy and sympathy to actually groaning with fellow believers. We are afraid of other people’s pain. Like Job’s friends, we’re afraid when we don’t have answers. Well, Job doesn’t get any answers for his sufferings—but he does get GOD!

When we enter into others’ pain, it can bring us into a shared sense of God’s unfailing love and presence. Such worship lets us drop our masks and bathe in God’s compassion. While our songs, prayers, liturgies, sermons, visuals, and testimonies can leave room to admit our fears of cancer and to weep with those who weep, lament also leads to praise as our connection to God is strengthened, leading us to trust, assurance, and hope in God, and the promises of God. Such worship can be a strong source for comfort with positive messages. It can also help us surrender fear, gain hope, and peace, and see the importance of a caring community.

1. **Invocation or Litany**

   (a) **Invocation**
   
   Heal me O LORD, and I shall be healed; Save me, and I shall be saved, for you are my praise. Jeremiah 17:14

   In the midst of our journey with cancer’s trials and tribulations, O God creator and deliverer, we rest and abide in the peace of your holy word. We know the promises in your Word are true. Although our bodies are racked with pain and our minds are filled with fear and doubt, today we surrender our brokenness to rest our minds and hearts completely in you. Give us and our families, friends and caregivers the peace that passes all understanding. We plead for your loving comfort so that when the next bout of pain surges through our bodies you are our only praise. Help us to find perfect peace so that we can keep our minds stayed on you. Help us in this time of great suffering, and we will give you all the glory. Keep us in this time of doubt and pain, because we look to you for healing. In this time of unbelief, our faith will look up to you alone. Guide us as we walk this path of suffering and comfort us with your healing power. We know that you shared in our suffering as our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Now, as High Priest at God’s throne, you hear our sincere cries. We adore you, Great Jehovah. We are blessed to be in your
presence today. We come boldly before your throne of grace. We trust you in our time of need. We acknowledge your sovereignty over our lives. We are grateful for another chance to honor and worship you.

(b) Readings of Hope and Comfort – from Isaiah 41; Psalm 33, and Romans 5:15
Do not be afraid for I am with you; stop being anxious and watchful, for I am your God. I give you strength, I bring you help, I uphold you with my victorious right hand.

The eye of Yahweh is on those who fear him, on those who rely on his love to rescue their souls from death and keep them alive in famine.

It is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered into this state of grace in which we can boast of looking forward to God’s glory.

But that is not all we can boast about; we can boast about our sufferings. These sufferings bring patience, as we know, and patience brings perseverance, and perseverance brings hope, and this hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.

May the God of hope bring you such joy and peace in your faith that the power of the Holy Spirit will remove all bounds to hope.

2. Hymns or Congregational Songs
(a) Does Jesus Care? By Frank E. Graeff. Tune, (My Savior Cares) by J. Lincoln Hall

(b) What a Friend in Jesus. By Joseph M. Scriven. Tune, (Converse) by Charles C. Converse

(c) No Not One. By Johnson Oatman, Jr. Tune, (Harper Memorial) by George C. Hugg

(d) My Faith Looks Up to Thee. By Ray Palmer. Tune, (Olivet) by Lowell Mason

(e) He Leadeth Me. By Joseph H. Gilmore. Tune, (He Leadeth Me) by William B. Bradbury

(f) Under His Wings. By William O. Cushing. Tune, (Hingham) by Ira D. Sankey

3. Spirituals or Traditional Songs
(a) He Knows Just How Much You Can Bear. By Roberta Martin

(b) I Found the Answer. By Johnny Lange

(c) I Shall Not Be Moved. Traditional
(d) There Is a Balm in Gilead. Negro spiritual

4. Gospel Songs for Choirs, Ensembles, Praise Teams
(a) God Placed a Rainbow. By Leon Roberts

(b) He’s Sweet I Know. Traditional gospel hymn

(c) God Still Heals. By Kevon Carter

(d) How Much We Can Bear. By David Frazier

(e) After You’ve Prayed About It (Tell Me Why Ya Worrying Too). By Kevin P. Turner


(g) Faith. By Vanessa Bell Armstrong

5. Liturgical Dance
(a) Wailin’ to Dancin’. By Donald Lawrence

(b) Mercy. By Jonathan Butler

(c) Mercy. By Andraè Crouch

(d) Strength. By John P. Kee

6. Anthems
(a) Jesus Lead the Way. By Adam Drese. Arr. by Richard Proulx. For SATB with organ and optional brass quartet and timpani

(b) Be Strong! The Lord Will Be with You. By Roy Belfield, Jr. For SATB and organ, optional trumpets

(c) My Soul Is Anchored in the Lord. Arr. Charles Garner. For SATB, tenor solo, piano

(d) I Must Tell Jesus. By Elisha Hoffman. Arr. by Mattie Robertson. For SSAATTBB

7. Modern Songs
(a) Gospel Medley. By Kirk Franklin, Beyoncé Knowles, and Richard Smallwood

(b) Faith. By Darnell Davis

(c) Your Steps are Ordered. By Fred Hammond and Kim Rutherford

(d) Encourage Yourself. By Donald Lawrence
8. Offertory Period
(a) I Still Have Joy. By Tye Tribbett

(b) God Is So Good. Traditional

(c) Church Medley: We’ve Come This Far by Faith/I Will Trust in the Lord. By Albert A. Goodson

9. Period of Prayer Spoken or Sung
Sung
(a) Total Praise. By Richard Smallwood

(b) O Thou, in Whose Presence. By Joseph Swain

(c) In Your Presence. By Jason Upton

Spoken
Laying-on of Hands and Prayer
Invite cancer patients, survivors, and their families to come forward and kneel and receive prayer. The congregation should be invited to also come forward and stand behind those kneeling, putting their hands on the person’s shoulders. Other congregants may wish to kneel at their seats for prayer. Clergy may wish to anoint those for whom the congregation is praying. Below are various prayers. Any of these may be used or you can design a prayer for your church.

(d) Prayer of Lament (Lamentations 3:17-26)
I have been deprived of peace; I have forgotten what prosperity is.
So I say, “My splendor is gone and all that I had hoped from the LORD.”
I remember my affliction and my wandering, the bitterness and the gall.
I well remember them, and my soul is downcast within me.

Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope:
Because of the LORD’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.

They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.
I say to myself, “The LORD is my portion; therefore I will wait for him.”
The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him;
it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

(e) Prayer – Thy Name is My Healing (Baha’I tradition)
Thy name is my healing, Oh my God,
And remembrance of Thee is my remedy.
Nearness to Thee is my hope and love
For Thou art my companion.
Thy mercy to me is my healing
And my succor in both this world
And the world to come.
Thou, verily, are the All-Bountiful,
The All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

(f) Prayer for Healing (Jewish tradition)
O merciful Parent, I turn to You in prayer.
You who bind up wounds and heal the sick, I put my trust in You.
Knowing that I am in Your hands, O God, I have faith that
You will not forsake me.
Give me courage now and in the days ahead.
Grant wisdom and skill to my physician; make all those who are
assisting me instruments of Your healing power.
Give me strength for this day and grant me hope for tomorrow.
Hear my prayer, be with me; protect me.
Restore me to health, Adonai, so that I may serve You.
Heal me Adonai, and I shall be healed; Save me and I shall be saved;
for You are my praise.

(g) Prayer of Peace – Prayer to God Our Constant Companion (Turkuram (17th cent.)
Wherever I go,
you are my constant companion,
holding my hand and leading me on.
You are the sole support
along the path that I tread,
carrying my burden by my side.

If I stray along the way,
you set me right again.
You have overcome my resistance,
O God, and you nudged me onward.

All things and all people
have become my beloved brothers.
Now your joy pervades and encircles me;
I am like a child at play
during a celebration.

(h) Prayer for Medical Staff (Jewish tradition)
Thank you God, for the care and concern of the many about me who have dedicated
themselves to health and healing.
It is they who have had to respond to my calls for help;
they, who will be with me throughout the difficult times ahead.
Grant wisdom, patience and understanding to them.
Bless the work of their hands and their hearts that their labor may not be in vain. As your
helpers, may they find the way to restore me and others to life renewed. May I and they
feel the comfort of your presence. Amen.
10. Sermonic Selection
(a) My Heavenly Father Watches Over Me. By W. C. Martin. Tune, (Heavenly Father) by Charles H. Gabriel

(b) I Believe in Miracles. By Donald Lawrence

11. Invitational
(a) Faith. By Jason Upton

(b) Come Unto Me. By Omerror Dawson

12. Benediction Sung or Spoken
Sung
(a) Mayenziwe /Your Will Be Done. From South African Lord’s Prayer. Tune, South African traditional, by George Mxadana

(b) Oh, It Is Jesus. By Andraè Crouch

(c) My Peace I Leave With You. By Wendell Woods. For SATB

(d) Spoken/Prayer

A Week Where Transformation Will Meet You
And now, my friends go forth
to a week where transformation
will meet you and guide you.
Do not hide when they recognize you.

Do not doubt when you see Christ.
Do not deny when you are confronted.
Do not stop until you are at the cross
and there you will see the light
and the burdens of your heart will roll away.

Until then God be with you! Amen.

13. Audio-Visual Resources
At Prayer time, project a slide titled “Let Us Pray…” In the first column, list what persons are praying for; in the second column, list the cancer patients (including survivors), and those who provide support to cancer patients and survivors, including family members, neighbors, friends, co-workers, etc.
Heading
Let Us Pray…

Column left
- for healing – cancer, we dare ask for a miracle;
- for perseverance – continuing to live fully for the Lord, even in sickness;
- for character – for being an example and encouragement to; others, to lead others to trust in the Lord; and,
- for hope – for today, tomorrow and forever.

Column right
Who we are praying for…
- names of those living with cancer;
- family members of those living with cancer;
- those who provide medical and other support to patients;
- those currently in medical treatment; and,
- cancer survivors.

14. Other Worship Recommendations
(a) Mid-Week or Evening Service Candlelight Service. Outline below references music and resources used above.

An Evening Candlelight Service for Those Touched by Cancer

Instrumental Prelude
Invocation #(1a)
Congregational Hymn #(2) (3)
Welcome and the Occasion

Surrender Fear
Scripture Readings or Litany

Prayer for the Release of Fear for Cancer Patients and Survivors (9d, e)

Song or Liturgical Dance #(4) (5)

Hope
Scripture Readings
Psalms 42:5, Psalms 71:5-6, Lamentations 3:22-24, Romans 15:4, Jeremiah 31:3, Hebrews 11:1
Litany of Hope and Comfort (1b)
Testimonies
Prayer of Hope (9f)

Peace
Scripture Readings
John 14:27, Psalms 29:11, 2 Corinthians 13:11, Colossians 3:15, 1 Peter 1:2, Isaiah 54:10,
1 Corinthians 14:33
Prayer for Peace of Spirit (9g)
Prayer for Family Members of Cancer Patients and Cancer Survivors
Song (6) (7) (9a, b, c)

Community
Scripture Readings
1 Peter 3:8, Matthew 5:7, Proverbs 18:24, 1 John 4:11, 12, Matthew 25:34-36, 1 John 4:7
Unison Prayer for Others
Prayer for Medical and Counseling Professionals (9h)

God’s Love for Us
Scripture Reading
Hebrews 13:5
Song #(10b)

Message of Inspiration
Prayer or Invitation #(11)
Offering #(8)
Benediction #(12)

(b) Distribute to congregation “Faith and Health Connection” cards on which you can print the following:

Faith and Health Connection Card
We have a choice to turn to God or to cope in unhealthy ways.
Study the Bible to see how God guides us in coping with all situations
Read faith-related material to assist you in growing deeper in your faith.
Recognize that God puts people and circumstances into your life
to help you grow, and become wiser, and more helpful to others.
Pray for strength, peace, healing and wisdom in making decisions
Believe that God hears and will answer your prayers.
Ask friends for prayer and support.
Learn all that you can about cancer. Call upon ALL agencies intended to assist you including:
Here list the names and phone numbers of the three main cancer agencies/hospitals in your community. Remember that many do not have healthcare.

(d) A CD of beautiful piano music can be made available to cancer patients. One example is “Piano Music for the Care of the Soul” by Jan Sanborn.

Cites and Additional Information for Music and Material Listed

1. Invocation or Litany
(a) Invocation by Cheryl Wilson Bridges

(b) Reading – Hope and Comfort – from Isaiah 41; Psalms 33, and Romans 5:15
Location:
The Seventh-day Adventist Hymnal. Hagerstown, MD: Review and Herald Publishing Association, 1985. #796

2. Hymns or Congregational Songs
(a) Does Jesus Care? By Frank E. Graeff. Tune, (My Savior Cares) by J. Lincoln Hall
Location:


The Seventh-day Adventist Hymnal. #181


(b) What a Friend in Jesus. By Joseph M. Scriven. Tune, (Converse) by Charles C. Converse
Location:
African American Heritage Hymnal. #431


The Seventh-day Adventist Hymnal. #499
Yes, Lord! Church of God in Christ Hymnal. #342

(c) No Not One. By Johnson Oatman, Jr. Tune, (Harper Memorial) by George C. Hugg
Location:
  African American Heritage Hymnal. #308
  African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church Hymnal. #258
  Lead Me, Guide Me: The African American Catholic Hymnal. #273
  Yes, Lord! Church of God in Christ Hymnal. #221

(d) My Faith Looks Up to Thee. By Ray Palmer. Tune, (Olivet) by Lowell Mason
Location:
  African American Heritage Hymnal. #456
  African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church Hymnal. #468
  Lead Me, Guide Me: The African American Catholic Hymnal. #221
  The Seventh-day Adventist Hymnal. #517
  Yes, Lord! Church of God in Christ Hymnal. #127

(e) He Leadeth Me. By Joseph H. Gilmore. Tune, (He Leadeth Me) by William B. Bradbury
Location:
  African American Heritage Hymnal. #142
  African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church Hymnal. #292
  The Seventh-day Adventist Hymnal. #499
  Yes, Lord! Church of God in Christ Hymnal. #391

(f) Under His Wings. By William O. Cushing. Tune, (Hingham) by Ira D. Sankey
Location:
The Seventh-day Adventist Hymnal. #529

Yes, Lord! Church of God in Christ Hymnal. #320

3. Spirituals or Traditional Songs
(a) He Knows Just How Much You Can Bear. By Roberta Martin
   Location:
   African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church Hymnal. #76
   Lead Me, Guide Me: The African American Catholic Hymnal. #254
   Yes, Lord! Church of God in Christ Hymnal. #389

(b) I Found the Answer. By Johnny Lange
   Location:
   Yes, Lord! Church of God in Christ Hymnal. #437

(c) I Shall Not Be Moved. Traditional
   Location:
   African American Heritage Hymnal. #479
   Lead Me, Guide Me: The African American Catholic Hymnal. #276
   Yes, Lord! Church of God in Christ Hymnal. #351

(d) There Is a Balm in Gilead. Negro spiritual
   Location:
   African American Heritage Hymnal. #524
   African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church Hymnal. #619
   Lead Me, Guide Me: The African American Catholic Hymnal. #157
   The Seventh-day Adventist Hymnal. #475
   Yes, Lord! Church of God in Christ Hymnal. #119

4. Gospel Songs for Choirs, Ensembles, Praise Teams
(a) God Placed a Rainbow. By Leon Roberts
   Location:

Oregon Catholic Press (OCP)
P.O. Box 18030
Portland, OR 97218-0030
Phone: 800-548-8749

Online location: www.ocp.org
Product #11024

(b) He’s Sweet I Know. Traditional gospel hymn
Location:
   African American Heritage Hymnal. #510
   Yes, Lord! Church of God in Christ Hymnal. #137

(c) God Still Heals. By Kevon Carter
Location:

(d) How Much We Can Bear. By David Frazier
Location:

(e) After You’ve Prayed About It (Tell Me Why Ya Worrying Too). By Kevin P. Turner
Location:

Location:

(g) Faith. By Vanessa Bell Armstrong
Location:

5. Liturgical Dance
(a) Wailin’ to Dancin’. By Donald Lawrence
Location:

(b) Mercy. By Jonathan Butler
Location:

(c) Mercy. By Andraè Crouch
Location:

(d) Strength. By John P. Kee
Location:

6. Anthems
(a) Jesus Lead the Way. By Adam Drese. Arr. by Richard Proulx. For SATB with organ
and optional brass quartet and timpani
Location:
GIA Publications
7404 S. Mason Avenue
Chicago, IL 60638
Phone: 800-442-1358

Online location: www.giamusic.com
Product #G-5370

Audio sample: http://www.giamusic.com/mp3s/5370.mp3

(b) Be Strong! The Lord Will Be with You. By Roy Belfield, Jr. For SATB and organ,
of optional trumpets
Location:
Music Score and CD (Music for Liturgy)
GIA Publications
Online location: www.giamusic.com
Product #G-5370

(c) My Soul Is Anchored in the Lord. Arr. Charles Garner. For SATB, tenor solo, piano
Location:
GIA Publications
Online location: www.giamusic.com
Product #G-6137

Audio sample: http://www.giamusic.com/mp3s/6137.mp3

(d) I Must Tell Jesus. By Elisha Hoffman. Arr. by Mattie Robertson. For SSAATTBB
Location:
Abington, James. Beams of Heaven: More Selections from the African

GIA Publications
Online location: www.giamusic.com
Product #G-6331

Audio sample: http://www.giamusic.com/mp3s/6137.mp3

7. Modern Songs
(a) Gospel Medley. By Kirk Franklin, Beyoncé Knowles and Richard Smallwood
Location:

(b) Faith. By Darnell Davis
Location:

(c) Your Steps Are Ordered. By Fred Hammond and Kim Rutherford
Location:

(d) Encourage Yourself. By Donald Lawrence
Location:

8. Offertory Period
(a) I Still Have Joy. By Tye Tribbett
Location:

(b) God Is So Good. Traditional
Location:
African American Heritage Hymnal. #156

Yes, Lord! Church of God in Christ Hymnal. #434
(c) Church Medley: We’ve Come This Far by Faith/I Will Trust in the Lord. By Albert A. Goodson
Location:

9. Period of Prayer Sung or Spoken

Sung
(a) Total Praise. By Richard Smallwood
Location:

(b) O Thou, in Whose Presence. By Joseph Swain
Location:
    African American Heritage Hymnal. #422
    African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church Hymnal. #454
    The Seventh-day Adventist Hymnal. #36

(c) In Your Presence. By Jason Upton
Location:

Spoken
(d) Prayer of Lament – (Lamentations 3:17-26)

(e) Prayer – Thy Name is My Healing (*Baha’I* tradition)

(f) Prayer for Healing (Jewish tradition)

(g) Prayer of Peace – Prayer to God Our Constant Companion (*Turkuram* 17th cent.)

(h) Prayer for the Medical Staff (Jewish tradition)

10. Sermonic Selection

(a) In The Beginning. By Jason Upton
Location:

(b) My Heavenly Father Watches Over Me. By W. C. Martin. Tune, (Heavenly Father) by Charles H. Gabriel
Location:
    African American Heritage Hymnal. #144
    African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church Hymnal. #84
Lead Me, Guide Me: The African American Catholic Hymnal. #231


Yes, Lord! Church of God in Christ Hymnal. #139

(d) I Believe in Miracles. By Donald Lawrence
Location:

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(a) Faith. By Jason Upton
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(b) Come Unto Me. By Omermor Dawson
Location:

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Location:

(b) Oh, It Is Jesus. By Andraè Crouch
Location:

(c) My Peace I Leave With You. By Wendell Woods. For SATB
Location:
    GIA Publications
    Online location: [www.giamusic.com](http://www.giamusic.com)
    Product #G-6320

Spoken/Prayer
(d) A Week Where Transformation Will Meet You. By B. Kevin Smalls
Location:

13. Audio-Visual Resources
See above.
14. Other Worship Recommendations

(a) See above.

(b) Idea for “Faith and Health Connection” cards taken from following article:
Location:
Fletcher, Dale, M.S. “Faith Can Be an Anchor in Your Health Storm.” Our Journey of Hope, Cancer Treatment Centers of America, Southwestern Regional Medical Center. © 2008 Dale Fletcher, M.S.
Faith & Health Connection.org
Online location: http://www.ourjourneyofhope.com/common/OJH-6-08.pdf

(c) Article of Interest: “Taking a ‘Leap of Faith’: Acceptance and Value of a Cancer Program-Sponsored Spiritual Event.” Article written by Rev. Nancy J. Dan, D. Min, RN; Wilson C. Mertens, M.D. Baystate Regional Cancer Program, Baystate Medical Center, Springfield, Mass, and the Tufts University School of Medicine, Boston, Mass. Webscape from WebMD

Online Location: http://www.medscape.com

(d) CD: Piano Music for the Care of the Soul. By Jan Sanborn
Location:

The Sheet Music Store
Music44.com
5348 N. Tacoma Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46220
Phone: 866-419-6497
317-222-1327 fax
Online location: www.music44.com

Sheet Music Plus
Online location: www.sheetmusicplus.com
Phone: 800-743-3868