

# REST IN GOD

*Our God invites us to rest. Our God who created the cosmos, controls the seas, and makes the mountains tremble invites us to rest. This same God who stretches out his arms and calls us “child” invites us to rest. In this service, we receive God’s invitation and find rest in God’s kingly and caring embrace.*

*This is a service of scripture, prayer, visual arts, preaching, and diverse genres of music led with an informal, modern worship style. This service is ideally led by a worship band of guitars, keys, drums, and vocalists.*

Genesis 1:1-2:3

Psalm 127

John 14:8-14

## CHOOSING MUSIC // for singing

[Everlasting God](#) [Key of Bb]

Words and Music: Brenton Brown & Ken Riley  
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[Father, Let Your Kingdom Come](#) [Key of G]

Words and Music: Orlando Palmer, Paul Zach, Isaac Wardell, Liz Vice, Latifah Phillips © 2017 Porter’s Gate Publishing (BMI), Porter’s Gate Publications n(SESAC), and Hymns From the Porter’s Gate (ASCAP)

[He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands](#) [Key of D]

Words and Music: Anonymous, P.D.

[I’ll Not Be Shaken](#) [Key of Bb]

Words and Music: Wendell Kimbrough  
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[May Our God Be Known](#) [Key of D]

Words and Music: Wendell Kimbrough  
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[Oh the Mighty Hand](#) [Key of D]

Words and Music: Jonny Robinson  
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[Only King Forever](#) [Key of A]

Words and Music: Chris Brown, Mack Brock, Steven Furtick, Wade Joye

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Elevation Worship Publishing (Admin. By Essential Music Publishing LLC)

[Rejoice in All Your Works](#) [Key of D]

Words and Music: Wendell Kimbrough

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[Rest in the Lord, My Soul](#) [Key of C]

Words: Michael Morgan (verse); Greg Scheer (refrain)

Music: Greg Scheer

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[This Is My Father's World](#) [Key of D]

Words: Maltbie D. Babcock (1858-1901), P.D.

Music: (TERRA BEATA 6.6.8.6 D): English;

adapt. Franklin L. Sheppard (1852-1930), P.D.

[Wait On the Lord](#) [Key of B]

Words and Music: Wen Reagan

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[Who You Say I Am](#) [Key of A]

Words and Music: Ben Fielding and Reuben Morgan

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## VISUAL ARTS // for seeing

[Creation Sings Video](#) by Stephen Proctor

Original aerial drone footage of Alaska combined with quotations of the Psalms voices creation's praise for our King.

***Rest in God*** by Joe Cory



*If using projection in your space, consider projecting this image on the screen as people gather to help communicate the theme for worship. During the service incorporate a portion of the image as a*

*side, top, or bottom banner on the screen to frame the lyrics and create a visual thread through the service.*



## SPOKEN WORD // for listening

### Call to Worship

Prepare a litany of verses from the Psalms that voice creation's praise (e.g. Psalm 8, 19:1-6, 33, 95:1-7, 104, 139:13-16, and 148). Consider having multiple voices around the sanctuary shout aloud these verses in polyphonic praise, each person repeating their verse multiple times and allowing voices of others to overlap. Start with just a few voices and add voices until the sanctuary swells with the sound of creation's song.

[Genesis 1:1-2:3 recitation](#) by Don Sandley

### Benediction

May the Lord bless you and keep you;  
May the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
May God give you the grace not to sell yourself short,  
grace to risk something big for something good,  
grace to remember that the world is now too dangerous for anything but truth,  
and too small for anything but love.  
May God take your minds and think through them;  
May God take your lips and speak through them;  
and may God take your hearts and set them on fire.  
Amen.  
-William Sloane Coffin

# SAMPLE WORSHIP SERVICE

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### GATHERING:

Call to Worship: [“Creation Sings”](#) by Stephen Proctor

[Oh the Mighty Hand](#) (D)

*Consider handclapping on 4, 5, 6 during the introduction and turnarounds to encourage participation*

[Who You Say I Am](#) (A)

Prayer / [He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands](#) (D)

*Offer a prayer praising the sovereignty and providence of God, the basis of our trust and rest.*

*Consider singing “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands” a cappella following the prayer.*

[This Is My Father’s World](#) (D)

### LISTENING:

Old Testament Lesson: [Genesis 1:1-2:3](#)

[Rest in the Lord \(Psalm 127\)](#) (C)

*Have soloists sing the verses and the congregation on the refrain. Consider starting with the refrain once or twice to teach the congregation.*

New Testament Lesson: John 14:8-14

Sermon: [Rest in God \(Guest Preacher, Glenn Packiam\)](#)

Prayer

### RESPONDING:

[Wait on the Lord](#) / Silence

*Incorporate a time of silence following the song to practice waiting on the Lord.*

[Everlasting God](#) (Bb)

SENDING:

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grace to remember that the world is now too dangerous for anything but truth,  
and too small for anything but love.

May God take your minds and think through them;  
May God take your lips and speak through them;  
and may God take your hearts and set them on fire.

Amen.

**Sending Song:** [Father, Let Your Kingdom Come](#) (G)