

All-age worship sample

“Guess how much I love you”

Welcome

Hymn: Sing to God new songs of worship [Tune: Ode to Joy]

[This is an opening responsory with actions]

God of small things - we love you

And praise your name

God of huge things - we love you

And praise your name

God of amazing things - we love you

And praise your name

God of everything - we love you

And praise your name



We Say Sorry

God has given each of us so much to enjoy in our lives and given us so much to share. But sometimes we become selfish and mean. We remember the times we have let God down and ask for forgiveness.

Touch hands to head

Lord God, forgive us for thinking too much about ourselves.

Forgive us for not using our minds to think of others.

Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

Touch hands to ears

Lord God, forgive us for not paying attention to other people.

Forgive us for listening to things that harm us and others.

Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

Touch hands to lips

Lord God, forgive us for speaking carelessly.

Forgive us for staying silent when we should speak out.

Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

Touch hands to shoulders

Lord God, forgive us for not helping other people in their lives.

Forgive us for not sharing our own needs with others.

Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

Touch one hand to another

Lord God, forgive us for holding tight to things we should give away.
Forgive us for letting go of things we should take care of.
Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

Touch hands to knees

Lord God, forgive us for forgetting to say thank you in prayer.
Forgive us for thinking we are not important.
Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

Touch hands to feet

Lord God, forgive us for doing nothing.
Forgive us for walking away from you.
Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

Touch hands to heart

Lord God, forgive us for all that we do wrong and for the wrong in your world.

Absolution

May the Father forgive *us* by the death of his Son
and strengthen *us* to live in the power of the Spirit all *our* days. **Amen.**

Prayer for Today

Faithful Creator, whose mercy never fails:
deepen our faithfulness to you
and to your living Word, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

We Listen to the Bible

Reading: Luke 7: 36 – end – *read in Contemporary English version or similar [or I could find/write a story version]*

Hymn: God Forgave my sin in Jesus name [freely, freely]

Talk

Choir sing something – Lord, listen to your children praying?
[by Ken Medema and the music etc can be found on the internet]

We Pray for God's World

[This is based on turning to face the four corners of the world]
Lord, hear our prayer
Please.

The congregation is invited to make turn to the left and face North. After each section they make a quarter turn. Each section is introduced with an imaginary 'flight' in that particular direction, thinking about the local and international themes.

North: Think about different landscapes, extremes of temperature, Arctic, environmental concerns.
Dear God, we pray for everyone who works to take care of the world – for scientists and for farmers, for explorers and for gardeners. Help us make good choices so that everything has a chance of life..

West: Think about USA and HQ of UN and other world leaders
Dear God, we pray for leaders in our world. Help them to make decisions that will bring hope and justice to children and families everywhere.

South: Think about seaside and holidays, variety, colour and life – big experiences and big needs.
Dear God, we thank you for the good gifts we enjoy from all over the world. Help us to work and learn together in peace. Be close to all those who find life difficult and give wisdom to those who offer help

East: Think about the church that serves the biggest populations in the world.
Dear God, we thank you for your love that reaches to every person in the world. Give courage to all those who are sharing that love in churches, schools and families everywhere.

The Lord's Prayer

We Share God's Peace

God makes peace within us - let us claim it.
God makes peace between us - let us share it.

The peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Hymn: God is love, his the care

We Go Out into the World

May God's joy be in our lives place.	[hand on heart]
May God's peace be in our world.	[sweep hand out in front]
May God's love be shared among us.	[hold hands]
And the blessing of God...	

Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.