

SEND SUNDAY

Worship Resources



PURPOSE

This resource provides a suggested structure for your church's Send Sunday service, emphasizing missions through biblically grounded worship, preaching, and prayer.

DISCLAIMER:

We believe worship planning is a holy process in which the ministers of the church should prayerfully lay their ideas and desires before the Lord. This guide is not meant to replace thoughtful and Spirit-led planning but to serve as a resource. These are suggestions to help you craft a service that fits your church's unique context and reflects God's heart for the nations.

Suggested Service Outline

1. Welcome & Call to Worship

The Call to Worship sets the tone for the service by focusing hearts on God's glory and his mission to make his name known among all peoples. Use these scriptures to draw the congregation's attention to his global purpose:

Call to Worship Suggestions:

- **Psalm 67:1-3** (*May God be gracious to us and bless us... that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.*)
- **Isaiah 49:6** (*It is too light a thing ... I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.*)
- **Revelation 7:9-10** (*After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number ... standing before the throne and before the Lamb.*)

2. Corporate Confession & Assurance of Pardon

This section encourages the congregation to confess their sins corporately, focusing on apathy toward missions and evangelism, while being reminded of Christ's forgiveness and redemptive work.

Confession:

- We confess that we have been apathetic about the Great Commission.
- We confess that we have prioritized our own comfort over the needs of the lost.
- We confess that we have failed to pray, give, or go as you have commanded.
- We confess our lack of urgency for your global mission.

Assurance of Pardon:

1 John 2:2 (*He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.*)

3. Congregational Worship

This time of singing unites the congregation around the themes of God's sovereignty, his mission, and our participation in proclaiming the gospel.

Suggested Hymns and Songs:

- All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
- *Facing a Task Unfinished* (Getty, Houghton, Luther, & Taylor)
- *O Church Arise* (Getty & Townend)
- *Let the Nations Be Glad* (Matt Boswell)
- *Let Your Kingdom Come* (Sovereign Grace Music)
- *Psalm 72: His Great Dominion Shall Extend* (Brian Sauvé)

4. Missionary Testimony (Optional)

Encourage the church to invite a missionary they support to share briefly during the service. If no missionaries are on furlough, consider:

- Requesting a self-recorded video (2–3 minutes) where the missionary shares about their work and the need for more laborers.
- Provide clear instructions: *Use your phone to record a short video in a quiet space, sharing about your current ministry, challenges, and how the church can pray and support you.*

5. Send Sunday Explainer Video (Optional)

Include an opportunity to play the Send Sunday explainer video. The video can be downloaded from abwe.org/send-sunday.

6. Pastoral Prayer for the Nations

Lead the congregation in a focused prayer for the unreached and the church's role in missions.

Prayer Suggestions:

- Pray for unreached people groups (UPGs):
- The Shaikh of Bangladesh (138.3M, 0% evangelical)
- The Japanese of Japan (121.3M, 0.3% evangelical)
- The Brahmin of India (59.9M, 0% evangelical)

Link: [Joshua Project UPG Database](#)

Ask the Lord to:

- Burden the church with a passion for missions and evangelism.
- Show the congregation who he might be calling to go from their midst.
- Strengthen missionaries already serving in the field.
- Open doors for the gospel in unreached and hostile areas.

7. Scripture Reading & Sermon

The preaching time should focus on the biblical call to missions and the church's role in sending laborers into the harvest.

Suggested Preaching Texts:

- **Acts 13:1-3** – Highlight how the Holy Spirit set apart Paul and Barnabas for the work, showing that sending missionaries is an act of obedience and worship. Emphasize the local church's role as the primary sending body.
- **Matthew 28:18-20** – Teach the all-encompassing scope of the Great Commission: going, baptizing, teaching, and making disciples of all nations under Christ's authority.
- **Romans 10:13-15** – Explain the logical progression: people cannot believe without hearing, and they cannot hear unless someone preaches, emphasizing the necessity of sending preachers.
- **Isaiah 52:7** – Focus on the beauty and urgency of bringing the good news to those who have never heard.
- **Revelation 7:9-10** – Offer a vision of the nations worshiping before the throne, providing hope and motivation for the church to participate in this ultimate reality.

8. Offering & Special Giving Opportunity

This is an opportunity to take up an offering for the Send Fund, supporting the training and sending of new missionaries.

- Encourage participation: Share that \$7,000 can identify, train, and send a missionary.
- Mention that additional information is available at abwe.org/sendfund or in the resource download kit.

9. Closing Worship & Benediction

Closing Song Options:

- *Let the Nations Be Glad* (Matt Boswell)
- *O Church Arise* (Getty & Townend)
- *Psalm 72: His Great Dominion Shall Extend* (Brian Sauvé)

Benediction:

Matthew 9:37-38 (*"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."*)

Additional Resources

Encourage the congregation to explore more about missions:

- Visit abwe.org/send-sunday for resources and updates.
- Use the prayer guide provided to continue praying for missions throughout the week.