

## CLOSING WORSHIP

### Centering Prayer:

Like the sun that is far away and yet close at hand to warm us,  
so God's spirit is ever present around us.

Come, Creator, into our lives.

We live and move and have our very being in you.

Open now the windows of our souls. Amen.

(from *1987 United Methodist Clergywomen's Consultation Resource Book*, 61)

Song: "Here I Am, Lord" (UMH #593)

### Closing Prayer:

*A Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition*

I am no longer my own, but thine.

Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.

Put me to doing, put me to suffering.

Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,  
exalted for thee, or brought low for thee.

Let me be full, let me be empty.

Let me have all things, let me have nothing.

I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.

And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
Thou art mine and I am thine. So be it.

And the covenant which I have made on earth,

Let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

### Sharing Signs of Peace:

Blessing: *Sarum Blessing*

God be in your head, and in your understanding.

God be in your eyes, and in your looking.

God be in your mouth, and in your speaking.

God be in your heart, and in your thinking.

God be at your end, and at your departing. Amen.

(Sarum Liturgy, England, 13th CENT>, ALT., *The United Methodist Book of Worship*, 566).