



An East African
Worship Service

*Makumira University College
of Tumbaini University,
Tanzania (East Africa)*

It is with joy that Makumira University College (MUCO) of Tumaini University offers "Listen! God is Calling," a worship service based upon Tanzanian hymn tunes, to the English speaking world. One hope is that this worship service might be used in settings where Tanzanian Christians meet for worship with brothers and sisters in Christ from overseas. In addition, we hope that the joy expressed in the Tanzanian musical settings will lead Christians who otherwise may have no chance to meet Tanzanians or visit Africa to praise God through the use of this service.

The service may be best accompanied with piano and drum. The drum is important especially in the Call to Worship, the Hymn of Praise, the Post-communion hymn, and the response as the offering is presented.

Makumira University College, located near Arusha, is the oldest campus of Tumaini University, the national university of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania (ELCT). Makumira is the primary theological seminary of the ELCT. It provides education leading both to a Bachelor of Divinity as well as to a Master of Theology for pastors and future pastors of churches throughout the world. Students come primarily from Tanzania, but also from many other African countries, the Middle East, Europe and America.

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Piano and drum accompaniment available.



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Prelude

Call to Worship (Stand): (Note the irregular 1-beat bar preceding the word, "Listen!")

Brightly

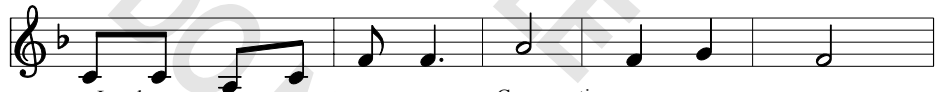
Neno lake Mungu (T.M. 112)



Leader Congregation
::: *Lis-ten*, **lis-ten**, God is call-ing through the Word in-vit-ing,



of - fer - ing for - give - ness, com - fort and joy. ::: joy.



Leader Congregation
Hear the in - vi - ta - tion, sent forth to all.



Leader Congregation
Let us come and wor-ship; an - swer God's call.



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Opening Hymn (optional)

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Kyrie (Prayerfully)

Mfurahini (T.M. 33)



L: Let us now pray in peace to the Lord.



C: Hear us O Lord, have mer - cy on us.



L: For peace and sal- va- tion we pray to the Lord.



C: Hear us O Lord, have mer - cy on us.



C: For the whole world; for the one Church of God;



C: for Christian u - ni - ty here and a - broad.



L: *Help and de - fend us; com - fort and save.*



C: **Hear us O Lord, have mer - cy on us.**

Confession of Sin:

L: Let us pray.

Gracious God, we come before you conscious of our sin but confidently aware of your desire to forgive. Let your Holy Spirit now show us those things which stand between us and you, and which alienate us from those around us, that we may confess them before you; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

L: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(A period of silence for opportunity to reflect upon our lives before God.)

L: Heavenly Father,

C: **I confess that I have sinned against you and am not worthy of being called your child. I have not loved you with all my heart, soul and mind. I have not loved my neighbor as I have loved myself. Have mercy upon me for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ. Forgive what I have been and done; by your Holy Spirit guide me in all that lies before me; let all that I say and do bring glory to your holy name. Amen.**

L: God has indeed had mercy upon us, and has given his Son Jesus Christ to die for us. Therefore, in great confidence, I declare to all who believe in Jesus Christ: God has heard your confession, he claims you as his child, and he forgives your sin in Jesus' name.

C: **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise (below) or another hymn

Hymn of Praise (Joyfully)

Kule Mbinguni (T.M. 62 arr.)



Leader:

1. Praise God the Fa - ther; praise God the Son;

Congregation:

2. On - ly be - got - ten Son of the Fa-ther

3. Now let our voic - es join as we sing;



**with Ho - ly Spir - it all three in one.
you are the Sav - ior; there is no o-ther.
praise and thanks - giv - ing glad - ly we bring.**



Refrain (All):

Lord now we praise you for your sal - va - tion,



your grace ex - tends to each land and na - tion.

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray

Prayer of the Day

(The congregation may be seated.)