

## Celebrate Together All -age URC Service Outline for 2022

To do/prepare:

Powerpoint

Find an older person to light the candles/child to help blow out candles

Ask three people to help tie bunches of balloons

20 balloons blown up and around church, possibly with ribbon pre-attached [20 outlines of balloon]

20 permanent markers or labels/stickers and pens (to write on balloons)

Dining table/trestle table (or use normal table for worship)

Papers/books/magazines/dirty cups/plates/clothes/craft supplies ±covering table

Party tablecloth

URC 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary cake ±ask someone to make one

Gluten Free/vegan cake options

Welcome: (especially to any visiting families from Messy Church or Toddler group for example and explain that today is an all-ages service so everyone is encouraged to participate)

Song: choose something which is appropriate for all ages : Sing Shout clap your hands / come on  
OHW¶V FHOHEUDWH ZHOFRPH HYHU\ERG\

Call to Worship :

Today we are also celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United Reformed Church.

In 1972, the URC was formed when two different denominations, Congregationalists and English Presbyterians, merged and later were joined by the Churches of Christ in 1981 and the Congregational Union of Scotland in 2000. So today is a special celebration Sunday

As well as joining in with the words in b R O G Z K H Q H Y H U , V D \ 3 ' \ R X ¶  
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6 R X Q G 2 . " «

**(PP)** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
And also with you.

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth! «  
(together)  
We will worship the Lord with gladness.  
We will come before God with joyful songs.

**(PP)** The Lord is God. It is God who made us and we are his.  
We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.  
: H H Q W H U \* R G ¶ V J D W H V Z L W K W K D Q N V J L Y L Q J  
: H F R P H W R \* R G ¶ V F R X U W V Z L W K S U D L V H  
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**(PP)** The Lord is good and his love endures forever.  
\* R G ¶ V I D L W K I X O Q H V V F R Q W L Q X H V W K U R X J K D O O J H Q H U  
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(together) Amen!

/ H W ¶ V W R L Q H W K H U D Q G F H O H E U . P l e a s e s t a n d a s y o u a r e a b l e . I X O Q H V V

Song: eg Lord I come before your throne of grace (What a Faithful God); Come people of the Risen King (New Song)

Prayer of praise and thanksgiving:

On Anniversaries and at parties we might have speeches and we might think about all the things we appreciate about the person or anniversary that we are celebrating.

Today as we celebrate the United Reformed Church turning 50, I wonder what you appreciate about the URC or about [name of church where gathered]? It might be that you can come here as a family or that there's a group or club you are welcome at. Or it might be a place where you have 189u8





Message:

In the Bible there are lots of stories about parties and celebrations.

Call out any Bible party stories you can think of.

The Bible tells us that Jesus went to parties, including weddings and dinner parties in

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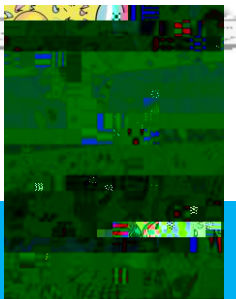
- Decorations ZH YH JRW EDOORRQV KRZ DERXW VRPH VWU
- Food/drinks ±Call out your favourite party food!  
Most parties have a cake! Ian, can you please bring in our cake.  
We will be sharing a cake to celebrate the 8 Q L W H G 5 H I R U P H & K X U F K V  
Anniversary. We are here today celebrating being one part of \* R G W family.
- Entertainment/music ±We could play some games like pass the parcel or we  
could dance. To G D \ O H W and dance together. I invite you to stand as we sing
- Song: Teach me to dance

- The Word: Luke 14:15 - 24

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EH RWKHUV VKDUH PHPRULHV RIWHQ WKHUH V ORWV R

(PP) One day Jesus was at a dinner party and one of the guests said to Jesus,

<sup>3</sup>7KH JUHDWHVW EOHVVLQJ RI DOO LV WR EH DW WKH ED







Resource to accompany ***Celebrate Together!***  
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