



8:00 am – Worship and Communion
in the Chapel
9:00 am – Worship in the Sanctuary
11:15 am – Emergent Worship in the
Education Conference
Center

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The Serenity Prayer

God grant me the serenity
To accept the things I cannot change;
Courage to change the things I can;
And wisdom to know the difference.

When you google “change” and “prayer,” the Serenity Prayer comes up far, far more frequently than anything else. This is probably with good reason. This prayer has been around since at least the 1930’s. Theologian Rienhold Niebhuur used it as he worked for change in social and political situations. The Alcoholics Anonymous community has taken this prayer as a daily meditation.

Do you agree with the prayer?

In what ways could praying this prayer help you?

What is one thing this week that you could really, honestly, pray this prayer about?

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May 17, 2009

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Today at Emergent Worship

Gather:

Hymn Sing

Welcome

Music of the Day

Centering

Encounter God’s Word:

Word: Acts 10:44-48; John 15:9-17

Message: “A Friendly God” Mike Wuehler

Sharing our Joys, Concerns, Offerings and Prayers

Prayers of the People

ReEntering:

Song of Sending

Blessing

Welcome to Emergent Worship

Emergent worship comes from within the community. The origin of the word liturgy is λειτουργία (*leitourgia* in ancient Greek), “work of the people.” Emergent worship is liturgy. Members of our community provide the ideas for this service.

Each service has several elements that do not change from week to week. We take time to center ourselves and we take time to reenter the world. Other parts of the service change each week, especially how we connect to God’s words.

“Rebirth and Change” Signs of change, rebirth and new birth are all around us. Confirmation and graduation are new beginnings. After Easter, the early church faced all kinds of changes. The trees and plants look different each day as the sun warms the roots. In May the 11:15 worship community will celebrate change and think together about the ways that we, together with God, deal with, manage and even embrace change.

Children are invited to sit in the front (near the action!) We have a clean place for crawlers. We do have nursery care for children through age three. However, we encourage children to worship with us. When they cry, or giggle, or shout “ba!” they remind us to praise God in all things. Quiet toys are available outside the sanctuary in worship bags. Coloring supplies are in the “loft.” Our Children have created a behavior covenant that they live into together.

Centering Breath One of the Hebrew words for Spirit is *ru’ah*, which is also translated as breath. Our centering breath ritual enhances our participation, sets our intention, and focuses our

thoughts. This helps us to be fully present for anything, including worship.

Music for this service today is offered by Ric Owen. Please contact Pastor Amanda to share your musical gifts with our community.

Offering We take an offering in gratitude to God for what God is doing in our lives. This occurs during the joys and concerns because it is a joy to have gifts to share.

Visuals Each week we use different visuals to connect people to worship. The Nautilus shell is a reminder that sometimes change includes moving into a larger space, and that self-initiated change can be very healthy.

Encountering the Word of God is the central portion of this service. We encounter God’s words in many ways and in many places throughout the week. It is at this point in worship we are especially attentive to listening to God’s words *for us*.

ReEntering We take time at the end of the service to ReEnter the world of our daily lives. On a good day we leave as changed people. We share a blessing with one another to transition into a time of Christian fellowship.

If you are interested in being a part of the planning team (no meetings required!) or have comments about this service, please contact Pastor Amanda at amanda@cumethodist.com, or 289.4019 x 111.