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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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Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:
a time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
a time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to break down, and a time to build up;
a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
a time to throw away stones,
and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
a time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to throw away;
a time to tear, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
a time to love, and a time to hate;
a time for war, and a time for peace.

For many of us, these are familiar words.

Do you embrace that there is a time for everything?

Do you understand these words to take things out of your control?

Do you see these words giving you the responsibility to make change?

To Live, Love and Serve as Jesus Teaches
An inclusive church where all are welcome!

May 24 2009

11:15 am

Today at Emergent Worship

Gather:

Hymn Sing

Welcome

Music of the Day

Centering

Encounter God's Word:

Word: Psalm 1; Ephesians 1:15-23

Message: "Small Beginnings"

Pastor Amanda Larsen

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 *leitourgia* (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. In some communities today is celebrated as Ascension Sunday. Jesus “ascended” back to God following 40 days of ministry after the resurrection. Some of our images today reflect this tradition.

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.