

# Discover God A Retreat for All

*Are you looking for a way to deepen your relationship with God and with other people?*  
Join us for 24-hours to discover God in new ways.

- **Discover God at Work:** in the world, in your home, and in your office.
- **Discover God in You:** Learn more about your creative gifts from God.
- **Discover God's Voice:** Explore different ways to listen for God.

June 19-20, 2009 5pm-5pm.  
(Suggestion: \$20/family)

Register with Pastor Amanda.



Held at Oxbow Park  
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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

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

May 31 2009

11:15 am

## Today at Emergent Worship

Gather:

Hymn Sing

Welcome and Lighting the Advent Wreath

Music of the Day

Centering

Encounter God's Word:

Word: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; John 15 selections

Message: "Everything Must Change"

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 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 the CUMC Praise Band. 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. During Advent we will change each week as Advent build. You are invited to bring nativity ornaments for our tree and parts of your nativity sets for our stable. Dec. 7, Animals and Manger; Dec. 14, Shepherds; Dec. 21, Mary and Joseph. As we move closer to Christmas, more and more light will illuminate our worship space.

**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](mailto:amanda@cumethodist.com), or 289.4019 x 111.