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**Education Conference Center**  
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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

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

June 28, 2009

11:15 am

## Today at Emergent Worship

Gather:

- Hymn Sing
- Welcome
- Music of the Day
- Centering

Encounter God's Word:

- Word: Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 8: 7-15
- Message: "Spiritual Excellence vs. Eagerness"
- Sharing our Joys, Concerns, Offerings and Prayers
- Prayers of the People

ReEntering:

- Song of Sending
- Blessing

**Are you registered for  
 Vacation Bible School  
 Yet?**

**VBS for Kids=  
 August 17-21(mornings)**

**VBS for Grown Ups =  
 August 24-27 (evenings)**

## 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.

**“The Spiritual Pyramid”** We all know about the food pyramid, showing us how we should eat more vegetables than fat. What about a Spiritual Pyramid? What are the building blocks for a well-rounded relationship with God? Join us in worship at 11:15 in June as we look at Worship, Bible Study and Prayer, Retreats, and Small Groups and how they help us stay in love with God.

**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. This month we’ve created a “spiritual pyramid” of feeding your spiritual life. Each week you will be invited to add to the pyramid.

**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.