

What do an apple, a lion, and a wizard have in common?

Find out at the "Christians and Fantasy" class!
Thursdays, July 9-30, 5:30-6:30 pm

This class will look at reading fantasy books from Christian perspectives. Christian responses have been very diverse as they've read, loved, and rejected various books. Join us as we talk fantasy. . . Harry Potter, Narnia, and even Twilight. This will be an intergenerational class, families are encouraged to participate together. You don't need to have read the books to participate, but some plot spoilers may be included in the discussions.

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

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

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



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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!

July 12, 2009

11:15 am

Today at Emergent Worship

Gather:

Hymn Sing

Welcome

Music of the Day

Centering

Encounter God's Word:

Word: Hebrews 11:1-3

Meditation: "Mission in Appalachia"

Sharing our Joys, Concerns, Offerings and Prayers

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.

“Scary Words” God’s will, evangelism and salvation can each be defined in a dictionary. Yet we know that a dictionary definition of a word doesn’t encompass the full meaning of the word. Some words in Christianity have baggage, history, and stories. God’s will, evangelism and salvation are three of the words that people in our community suggested are scary words. In July, we’ll be facing these fears and redefining the words in ways that make sense to us and remain faithful to the Biblical witness.

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 Dave Lieder, Maria Dripps and Kristina Glenn. 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 week our green banners are back up, a recognition that we are in “Ordinary” or “Common” time. In the lectionary, this season of life in the church is a good time to reflect on the basic stories and basic tenants of faith.

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.