
Resources to Listen for God

How Does God Make Things Happen?
Lawrence and Karen Kushner

The Power of a Focused Heart: Eight Life
Lessons from the Beatitudes
Mary Lou Redding, 2006

Ideas to Encourage Others

Send a card- say thank you, thinking of you, or
you did a good job.

Listen to dreams, help people say yes.

Offer to help make ideas happen.

Show up.

Let people know Bible passages that might
mean something to them.



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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!

August 16, 2009

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Today at Emergent Worship

Gather:

Hymn Sing

Welcome

Music of the Day

Centering

Encounter God's Word:

Word: Ephesians 5:115-20, John 6:51-58

Message: "Bread for Life"

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.

“Saying Yes ” God is at work in Christ Church! Today we will commission Heather Nielsen to two years of missionary service in Guatemala. The 11:15 service will offer a piece of her call to this community, through pictures, words and prayer. Through sharing her story, Heather will explain why she is saying “yes” to God’s call and as we send her forth with blessings!

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 images for today include images of the people and places of Guatemala.

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.