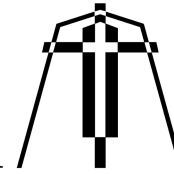


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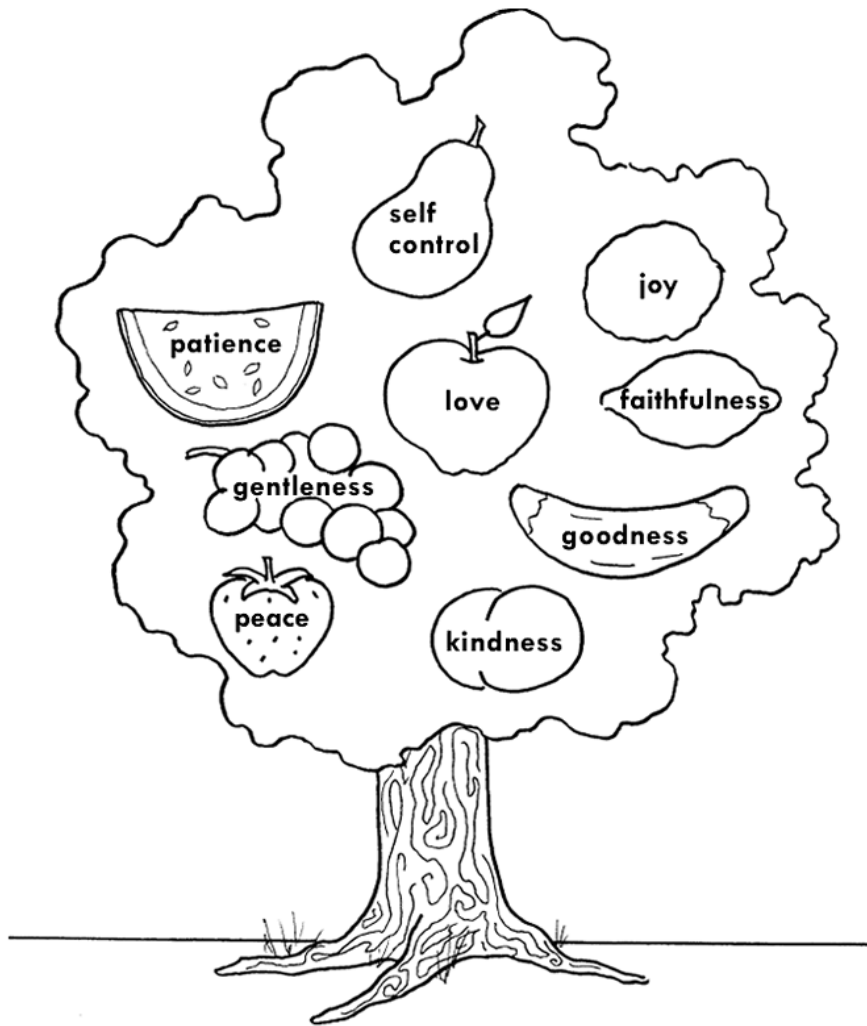


8:00 am – Worship and Communion  
in the Chapel

9:00 am – Worship in the Sanctuary

11:15 am – Emergent Worship in the  
Education Conference  
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August 23, 2009

11:15 am

## Today at Emergent Worship

Gather:

Welcome, Opening Hymn

Music of the Day Preschool VBS Singers

Centering

Encounter God's Word:

Word: Galatians 5:22-23

Message: Top Ten Lessons from VBS 2009

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.

“**Growing the Fruit of the Spirit**” This last week, 60+ children played games, sang songs, did crafts and studied the Bible to learn more about the fruit of the Spirit. Another 20+ volunteers joined these children. Today the children are sharing some of what they learned this week.

**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 Brenda Fyles, Ric Owen, Ruth Van Vugt and the VBS children. 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 are from the last week at VBS.

**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.