

You say, "I am allowed to do anything"^[a]—but not everything is good for you. You say, "I am allowed to do anything"^[a]—but not everything is beneficial. ²⁴ Don't be concerned for your own good but for the good of others.

²⁵ So you may eat any meat that is sold in the marketplace without raising questions of conscience. ²⁶ For "the earth is the LORD's, and everything in it."^[b]

²⁷ If someone who isn't a believer asks you home for dinner, accept the invitation if you want to. Eat whatever is offered to you without raising questions of conscience. ²⁸ (But suppose someone tells you, "This meat was offered to an idol." Don't eat it, out of consideration for the conscience of the one who told you. ²⁹ It might not be a matter of conscience for you, but it is for the other person.) For why should my freedom be limited by what someone else thinks? ³⁰ If I can thank God for the food and enjoy it, why should I be condemned for eating it?

³¹ So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. ³² Don't give offense to Jews or Gentiles^[c] or the church of God. ³³ I, too, try to please everyone in everything I do. I don't just do what is best for me; I do what is best for others so that many may be saved.



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 30, 2009

11:15 am

Today at Emergent Worship

Gather:

Hymn Sing

Welcome, Opening Hymns

Centering

Encounter God's Word:

Word: Mark 7:1-8

Message: "Slow Down?"

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.

Upcoming Changes Beginning on September 13, the 11:15 worship service will change to 11:00. It will continue to be a shorter service, getting out at 11:45. Sunday School will begin at 10:10 and run until 10:55. September 13 is Gathering Sunday. You are encouraged to come early (if the emergent service will be your worship for the day) in order to learn more about opportunities for the fall. And sign up for some new ministry possibilities.

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 David Lieder. 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 Today we are worshipping outdoors. How have you experienced God outdoors this summer?

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.