

Continuing the Challenge

Last week the sermon included a challenge. A number of people responded that it was interesting to think about and wondered why we hadn't included it in the bulletin. By request,

Isaiah 50:4 reads,

The Lord God has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning God wakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

I came across this exercise in *The Power of a Focused Heart: 8 Life Lessons Learned from the Beatitudes* by Mary Lou Redding.

Homework: Isaiah 50:4. . . "The Lord has given me the ___ of a ___, that I may ___ to ____."

For me I think it's "The Lord has given me the mind of a writer, that I may give words to confusion." How about you? How do you fill in the blanks?



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8:00 am – Worship and Communion
in the Chapel

9:00 am – Worship in the Sanctuary

11:00 am – Emergent Worship in the
Education Conference
Center

6:15 pm Wednesday Worship

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September 20, 2009

11:00 am

Today at Emergent Worship

Gather:

Prelude "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Welcome, Time of Praise

Encounter God's Word:

Centering

Word: Mark 9:49-50, Matthew 5:13-16

Message: ". . . Through Justice"

Amanda Larsen

Responding

Offering "Speak, O Lord"

Sharing our Joys, Concerns, and Prayers

ReEntering:

Song of Sending

Blessing, Closing Music

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 some of 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 and the music we use to praise God.

People Who Make a Difference In September we’ll be thinking about people who make a difference. The Church Band, Voices in Praise, and other members of the congregation will be a part of our worship time. Each week, a member of our community will be sharing their witness as to how they are making a difference.

Children are invited to sit in the front (near the action!). 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 Voices in Praise.

Offering We take an offering in gratitude to God for what God is doing in our lives.

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 for the service (no meetings required!) or have comments about this service, please contact Pastor Amanda at amanda@cumethodist.com, or 289.4019 x 111.