

Prayers from the world, for the world

In October we are exploring elements of worship from around the world. Today we tried out two forms of prayer from Korea, the “Chu YA!” and *Tongsung Kido*

If you would like to enrich your prayer life by continuing to explore world prayer styles, <http://www.worldprayers.org/> is a good place to begin.

Each week <http://www.worldinprayer.org/> offers prayers shaped around the news—good and bad—of the world. It is an excellent resource for praying for situations where you don’t have information on exactly what to pray for. As an example, they offered prayers last week for the tsunamis and earthquakes in Asia.



Praying at the Western Wall in Jerusalem. Notes placed in the cracks are collected twice a year and buried at the Mount of Olives.



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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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October 11

Stewardship Sunday

11:00 am

Today at Emergent Worship

Gather:

Gathering Music

Welcome, Time of Praise

Sharing our Joys, Concerns, and Prayers

Morning Offering

Encounter God’s Word:

Word: Hebrews 11:1-12

Message: “Things Hoped For”

Michael Wuehler and Amanda Larsen

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.

In Different Ways In October we’ll be experimenting with different styles of worship and music from around the world. Some may be familiar, some maybe hard for you to imagine as worship, some will really resonate.

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 the Youth Band. More members are wanted! If you would like to join this ministry, please speak to a member of the band after worship.

Offering We take an offering in gratitude to God for what God is doing in our lives. Today we are receiving our 2010 estimate of giving cards.

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.

Do you know someone who may need energy assistance this winter? Information on the Energy Assistance Program is posted on the folding bulletin boards in the Commons.