

Gathering

Encountering God Word
Centering

In Creation

A Reading from Genesis 1: 24-31a
Sheep May Safely Graze – J. S. Bach/ arr. Mary
Howe
Jane Drennan & R. Owen

In Playfulness

A Reading from Psalm 100
Ever Joyful – Ralph Manuel
Jane Drennan, Merri Bremer & Richard D. Owen
Meditation

In Joy

A Reading from Psalm: 65:8-13
Novellette No. 1 in C Major – Francois Poulenc
Jane Drennan, piano

In Abundance of Work and Family

A Reading from Psalm 128
Be Thou My Vision – arr. Carol Foss
Merri Bremer, flute
Meditation

Responding

Sharing Our Joys, Concerns, Prayers, Lord's Prayer
Offerings **Come, Thou Fount** – arr. Howard Helvey
Jane Drennan & R. Owen

ReEntering



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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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November 22, 2009

11:00 am

Today at Emergent Worship

Gather:

Gathering Music

Welcome, Praising

Encounter God's Word:

Centering

Music and Meditations (see reverse side for listings)

Responding:

Morning Offering

Sharing our Joys, Concerns, and Prayers

ReEntering:

Praising

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.

Remembering and Giving Thanks November is a time when we begin thinking about families and gatherings and celebrating. We also notice who is no longer at the table. During November at 11:00 we will be “Remembering and Giving Thanks” for those people - living and passed - who have shaped who we are. November 22 will be a Thanksgiving Celebration with Piano and Instrumental Praise. November 29 is the first Sunday in Advent, and we will be blessing the Advent wreath. You are invited to bring visual reminders of your own people for whom you give thanks to be part of our altar in November.

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 Merri Bremer, Jane Drennan and Richard Owen. If you are interested in being a part of music for this worship service, please speak to Pastor Amanda.

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.