

ORDER OF WORSHIP – A PROPOSAL

THE CALL – THE PEOPLE GATHER

One of the worship leaders greets the people and encourages the people to greet one another. Following the greeting, one ministry of the week is highlighted, primarily to allow guests to get a taste of what we do. Information about the worship service may follow as well as specific instructions.

The purpose of this chapter in the unfolding story of our worship is for the many to become one congregation in the presence of God. Informal conversation and the greeting at the beginning have started the process; the people continue by

Praying together

- Call to Worship and Opening Prayer; or
- Psalm (with Gloria Patri, changing seasonally); or
- Confession and Assurance (with Gloria Patri, changing seasonally)

Singing together

- A hymn (with an organ intro to set the tone); or
- A song (with a song leader to set the tone); or
- Several songs (with Welcome etc. woven in)

Singing and praying together (some combination of the above)

THE WORD – THE PEOPLE LISTEN

The purpose of this chapter in the unfolding story of our worship is for the congregation to encounter the living Christ in the reading of Scripture and the proclamation of the good news.

Invitation and Song; the children come to the chancel

[First Reading, possibly in a very accessible translation or through storytelling]

Children's Conversation

[Children's Choir]

Children's Blessing ("As we continue our worship in different rooms of God's house, we ask for God's blessing...") The children and their leaders leave.

[First and] Second Reading

Anthem/Hymn/Song (choir, soloist, group, all)

Sermon or other form of proclamation (interview, conversation, etc.)

Call to Discipleship/Invitation to church membership

THE TABLE – THE PEOPLE GIVE THANKS

The purpose of this chapter in the unfolding story of our worship is for the congregation to respond to the proclamation of the good news and to encounter the living Christ at the Table. We commit ourselves to a life of discipleship, we pray for the church and the world, and we dedicate ourselves and our gifts to the purposes of God.

Hymn/Song

Welcome New Members

Minute for Mission/Ministry Story/Stewardship Moment

Prayers of the People

Offering

Gift of Music (choir, soloist, group)

Doxology (changing seasonally)

Prayer of Dedication

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

The people eat and drink (we practice a variety of ways of sharing the bread and cup)

Music during the Supper (choir, soloist, group, all)

THE WORLD – THE PEOPLE ARE SENT TO SERVE

The purpose of this chapter in the unfolding story of our worship is for the congregation to turn from the table to the world, and to continue our worship in our daily life and work as followers of Jesus Christ.

Hymn/ Anthem/Song (choir, soloist, group, all)

Benediction, Charge and Affirmation

Postlude