

Emergent Worship Style for Outreach

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Discussion

Emergent worship is more personal and reflective – more free flowing

- ◆ Emergent worship could include:
 - Pre-worship (preparation – instructions)
 - Worship - station to station (confession, prayer, scripture)
 - Post – worship
- ◆ Emergent worship can be very family friendly. Parents could talk and help assist children through the stations.
- ◆ Suggested that guests to this worship style have a mentor, someone to walk the guest through worship.
- ◆ What about the physical structure:
 - Could have two different areas – one for worship and the second for pre and post
 - Could use traditional worship space. Would have to plan with space in mind.
 - Could be done in an individual's home.
 - Could be in one room. Transition signs (lights, chimes, etc.) would be needed to change from pre-sessions to worship, etc.
- ◆ Do you have a sermon? Could be done at a set time.
- ◆ The music station could contain all the elements of liturgy.
- ◆ What if people don't attend all the stations?
 - Have the expectation that every worshiper is to attend all the stations – don't give the option of selecting stations.
 - Compared attendance at the stations to moving through Curves (exercise program). You start anywhere you want and go through all the stations. Then you get a full faith workout.
- ◆ Benefits:
 - Worship doesn't end when you go out of the building.
 - Emergent worship trains families to worship
 - Is multi-sensory and interactive

Traditional vs. Contemporary

- ◆ Stations – Word of Sacrament incorporated in station
- ◆ Different worship styles appeal to different people
- ◆ Fit worship style to audience you're trying to reach
- ◆ Interruptions moving from station to station
- ◆ Need guide in Lutheran Church
- ◆ Worship style tied to personality
- ◆ Need to maintain sense of separating from outside world.

Congregations need to keep asking: What is worship? Why worship?