

Lectionary Texts Year C, Easter 5
April 24, 2016

Acts 11: 1-18
Psalm 148
Revelation 21: 1-6
John 13: 31-35

Thank you for planning and leading worship this Sunday! We appreciate your part in sustaining our tradition of multi-voiced worship. You don't have to do it all by yourself - many people are willing to help with the different elements of worship. The following people have volunteered to help in 2015-2016.

Children's Story: Nathan, Kathy K, Rob, Melissa, Jason, Anne, Teri, Tammy

Drama: Mark, Nathan, Bob, Melissa, Jason, Amy, Tammy, Aaron

Scripture reading/dramatic reading: Nathan (scripture only), Mark, Kathy K, Gail, Rob, Tim, Bob, Melissa, Amy, Jason, Anne, Tammy, Aaron, Steph, Jen, Sonya

Meditation or sermon: Mark, Kathy K, Gail, Jason, Tammy, Aaron, Anthony, Sonya, Drew, Melissa

New to planning a worship service?

Select one or more of the scriptures to build the service around. Sometimes they work together; sometimes they are not clearly related. You do not need to include all four texts. The psalm sometimes makes a good call to worship.

Here is a typical, flexible order of worship. You can select from within each category:

Gathering

- music (singing or instrumental)
- welcome and announcements
- introduction of the day's scriptural themes
- Call to worship

Praising God

- songs
- scripture, responsive readings

Confessing and Reconciling

- sung or spoken prayers of confession
- words of assurance
- scripture (such as a psalm)
- songs of God's grace

Hearing God's Word

- Children's time
- scripture readings
- drama, litany
- reflection or meditation

Responding to the Word

- Affirmation of faith (spoken or sung)
- songs
- response to reflection (spoken)
- other rituals of response (written, art, etc)

Sharing and Prayers of the People

- worship leader invites people to share requests and then offers a prayer.
- or invite people to speak their prayers aloud and then worship leader closes the prayer.

Offering Ourselves and our gifts

- monetary offering
- songs, instrumental music

Sending

- closing prayer
- spoken or sung benediction or blessing

Need more ideas? The Hymnal and song books include useful readings and prayers at the back. *Words for Worship II* (in our library) also has prayers, readings.

Textweek.com has an excess of lectionary related info.

Questions? Contact any of us! Worship Ministry – Anne, Chrissie, Nancy, Sonya