



Order of Emerging Liturgical Service

Emmanuel's 'emerging' worship service reflects our Vision Statement which proclaims that our intention is to be a safe and healing community where all are welcome, "regardless of economic conditions, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, or spiritual struggle."

The theme for each Sunday will be reflected in the readings, music, and prayers. Inclusive language will be used throughout the worship service.

Our goal is to have a more experiential service.

Parts of a Typical Service

Before Service

Please enter and pick up a bulletin which provides a printed message for thought during meditation.

Meditation

There will be 15 minutes of silence before the service, during which meditative music will be playing.

Welcome / Gathering Prayer

Centering Song

We will sing a song that centers our hearts.

Call to Worship Prayer

Opening of the Heart

This is a time for reflecting on our soulful connections to the Divine.

Song

We will sing a song that opens our hearts and allows us to enter a prayerful space.

Prayer

We will say a prayer together that encourages us to look at ourselves through the eyes of the Divine, acknowledging our strengths and weaknesses.

Silent Prayer

Song of Praise

We will sing a song that celebrates the Good News that nothing can separate us from God's Love.

Reading

These readings will be taken from sacred texts of various traditions.

Song

We will sing a song honoring the Gospel.

Gospel Reading

Reflection on the Word

The pastor will speak on the theme for the day.

Offering

*We will bring our prayers and gifts forward at this time. On the 3rd Sunday, in addition to the usual Offering, there will be a **Reverse Offering** where Food Pantry items are collected and brought forward.*

Blessing of the Gifts

Communion

Communion will be offered on the first and third Sundays of the month.

Lord's Prayer

Various translations will be used.

Prayer Song

We will sing songs that speak to our coming together as a community in prayer.

Prayers of the People around the Christ Candle

We will pray for our world, our community, and those in need. This is also an opportunity for members of the congregation to offer their own prayers aloud.

Benediction

Ending Song

We will sing a song that sends us out into the world with gratitude for God's Grace.

Sharing of the Peace

Please actively reach out and share God's Peace with one another.

Following the service all are welcome to join in fellowship in the Celebration Room.