

## **Intergenerational Worship: The Work of ALL People**

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God creates each of us to be unique, and uniquely gifted, and desires to build a relationship with us. One way to tend this relationship is through our worship.

liturgy: Greek: laos (people), ergos (work), worship is the work of ALL people

### **Intergenerational Worship**

- invites diverse leadership and meaningful connections
- includes people with a variety of learning styles and abilities
- honors and shares the faith experiences of multiple generations

### **Expanded Leadership**

How can we include more voices/participation AND more connections?  
(2 minutes to think, 5 minutes to share with partner/triad)

- ❖ How can you include more voices and participation AND more connections in your context?
- ❖ Who in your context can help YOU with this work?

### **Grace-Filled Hospitality**

How does the "official" worship leader's role change? How can we reimagine all the words we say as inclusive and invitational?  
(2 minutes to think, 5 minutes to share with partner/triad)

- ❖ How could your oral and written words become more inclusive and invitational? What might need to shift or change?
- ❖ What steps can you take to include more learning styles into the worship of God?

- ❖ In what ways can you work to lower the barriers to participation for those children of God in your context?

- ❖ Who in your context can help YOU with this work?

### **Reimagined Worship Experience**

How does the worship of the people itself change?

(2 minutes to think, 5 minutes to share with partner/triad)

- ❖ In what ways are you willing to experiment with diversity of the practice of prayer, musical expression, and/or scripture presentation in your context?
- ❖ What would one step would move toward more intergenerational connections between the faith expressions of differing generations?
- ❖ Who in your context can help YOU with this work?

### **Action Step**

Where is the Spirit leading me into new expressions of leadership, hospitality, and worship? What is the first concrete step in this journey?

**God bless your going out and your coming in,  
from this time forth and forevermore. Amen. (Psalm 121:8)**