



# INTERGENERATIONAL *Workshop*

The Work of ALL People

a FORMA workshop led by Rev. Breen Marie Sipes

LITURGY (GREEK):  
The Work of the People

INTERGENERATIONAL  
WORSHIP:


The Work of **ALL** People

- \*Invited
- \*Included
- \*Connected



# GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

- \* Grace-filled Hospitality
- \* Expanded Leadership
- \* Reimagined Worship  
Experience



GRACE-FILLED

*Hospitality*

Lowering Barriers to Participation



# GUIDING QUESTIONS:

\*What are the barriers to participation?

\*How can we begin to lower those barriers?

# POSSIBLE BARRIERS:

- \* Visual
- \* Auditory
- \* Physical
- \* New/Unfamiliar

# LEARNING STYLES:

- \* Reading/Writing
- \* Visual/Symbolic
- \* Kinesthetic
- \* Listening/Speaking



# ACCESSIBLE LANGUAGE:

\* **REMOVE** unnecessary  
“churchy” language

\* **KEEP** important terms &  
pair with short definitions



# GRACE-FILLED HOSPITALITY:

\*lower barriers to participation

\*include all learning styles

\*make our language more  
accessible to everyone

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EXPANDED

*Leadership*

Recognizing and Empowering Gifts

# GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

- \* Connecting Generations
- \* Recognizing & Empowering  
the Gifts & Skills  
of Each Person



# FIRST STEP: PAIRS

\* Who already leads worship?

\* Expand from individuals to  
intergenerational pairs

# SECOND STEP: DIVIDE

\* Divide worship roles into smaller, still essential, parts

\* Serve in these roles in intergenerational pairs



# THIRD STEP: TEAMS

\* **Leaders:** speaking roles  
in pairs

\* **Helpers:** “doing” roles  
in pairs

\* **Welcomers:** equipping roles  
in pairs



# WORSHIP COORDINATOR

\* Equip

\* Empower

\* Organize



# BONUS ROUND:

- \* Expand “woship leadership” to before & after the worship experience
- \* Organize/reorganize into intergenerational pairs
- \* Recognize during worship

# WARNING:

- \*The goal is NOT perfection
- \*The goal IS inclusion, participation, valuing each person for what they bring
- \*Connection building is messy!



GOD  
WILL  
SHOW UP



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REIMAGINED WORSHIP

*Experience*

Creating Spaces

Where Everyone Can Engage



# STRATEGIES:

- \* Creative Prayer Practices

- \* Honoring Musical  
Diversity

- \* Intentional Biblical  
Engagement

# CREATIVE PRAYER PRACTICES:

- \* Engage Multiple Senses
- \* Engage Multiple Learning Styles
- \* Form a toolbox for communication with God



# HONORING MUSICAL DIVERSITY:

\*Hymns: Old & New

\*Contemporary/Camp Songs

\*Paperless Music



# HONORING MUSICAL DIVERSITY:

- \*Share the “why”
- \*Teach/invite intentionally
- \*Sing together

# ENGAGE THE BIBLE:

\* Bible verses “by heart” during  
worship

\* Intergenerational play/skit

\* Intergenerational  
conversations



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Your One Next Step

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