

Modular Worship
Green Street United Methodist Church
Hastings, Michigan 49058

Description:

In July 2018, the church experimented with a “modular” worship service format that consisted of three primary 30-minute segments: The Praise, The Word, The Table. After some tweaking, they continue to practice this modular style of worship and enjoy its benefits.

Each segment could be considered a stand-alone worship and includes a scripture reading and a prayer in addition to the elements described in more detail below. Some folks come to one segment, most folks come to two segments (such as The Praise and The Word, or, The Word and The Table), some folks come to all three segments.

The Praise – 9:30 to 9:55 AM – This segment has an emphasis on praise music and creative elements such as a skits and videos. Music provided by the Green Street Band.

Coffee Break – 9:55 to 10 AM – This brief time allows folks to get a cup of coffee, enter the worship space, greet each other, and view announcements projected on the screen.

The Word – 10 to 10:35 AM – This segment connects all folks together in the same space and includes the primary scripture reading, the young people’s moment, the message and the offering.

The Table – 10:35 to 11 AM – As the name implies, this segment provides Communion every week and offers hymns and choir anthems. The opening hymn allows folks not staying for this segment to leave the worship space. Music provided by the organist and choir.

Benefits:

Promotes unity in the church. All folks are “connected” together for at least one portion of the worship service with opportunities to greet members of the entire church.

The total worship time commitment is only 90 minutes. This makes it easier to promote exploration of different worship styles.

Children’s Sunday school (during The Word) can be provided for all children regardless of which worship style their parents prefer.

This is a unique worship format and it continues to be useful for church promotional purposes.

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