

Resources on different aspects of Worship
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Key to age categories:

P = preschool **e** = lower elementary (K-Grade 3) **E** = upper elementary (Grade 4-6)
M = middle school/ junior high **H** = high school **Y** = young adult **A** = adult (age 30-55) **S** = adult (age 55+)

Acolytes, Greeters, and Ushers

DVD:

ACOLYTES, USHERS, AND GREETERS (101028) This three-part DVD provides help for training those who assist with worship leadership in these ministries. Includes guide. Age: eEMHYA. 23 Minutes.

WELCOMING MINISTRY TRAINING MANUAL AND PLANNING HANDBOOK (123085) Author: United Methodist Communications. A handbook and DVD set with plans for 14 training sessions: 1) Welcoming ministry team planning session (a 2-4 hour planning session); 2) Leading through change (a 90-minute introductory training session); 3) One-hour welcoming (a 1 hour training session); 4) Welcoming ministry 101 (a 3-5 hour training session); 5) Welcoming ministry 201 (a 1-2 hour training session); 6) Training ushers and greeters (a 2-4 hour training session); 7) Inviting 101 (a 1-2 hour training session); 8) Helping guests feel welcome (a 2-3 hour training session); 9) Creating a comfortable climate (a 2-3 hour training session); 10) Getting to know the unchurched (a 1-2 hour training session); 11) Extending your welcome beyond Sunday and the church building (a 2-4 hour training session); 12) Being great! (a 1-2 hour training session); 13) Stop the revolving door (a 2-4 hour training session); 14) WOW! Worship of welcoming (a 1-2 hour worship or workshop experience). Age: A.

Books:

ACOLYTE'S BOOK (805007) Author: Hickman, Hoyt. This booklet provides basic information and directions for acolytes. Age: A. 24 Pages.

SERVING AS A CHURCH GREETER (807188) Author: Parrott, Leslie. Designed for group or individual study, this book discusses the importance of church greeters and can be used as a training tool for local churches. Chapter titles: The ministry of church greeters; The need for warmhearted greeters; Developing a user-friendly foyer; A better way of doing things; The parking lot ministry. A 'Zondervan Practical Ministry Guide.' Age: A. 73 Pages.

SERVING AS A CHURCH USHER (807189) Author: Parrott, Leslie. Designed for group or individual study, this book discusses the importance of ushering and can be used as a training tool for local churches. Chapter titles: The ministry of ushering; The functions of an usher; An usher's standard of excellence; The authority and responsibility of ushers; Ushers as greeters. A 'Zondervan Practical Ministry Guide.' Age: A. 74 Pages.

USHER'S BOOK (807063) Author: Gilbert, John P. Creating a Welcoming and Safe Environment for Worship. A concise guide to the tasks and responsibilities of the church usher. Chapter titles: What and who makes a great

usher?; Before the service begins; When worshipers begin to arrive; The service of worship begins; The offering; Holy Communion; When the service of worship has ended; The ministry of ushering at special times. Age: A. 48 Pages.

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH: A HANDBOOK FOR GREETERS AND USHERS (815167) Author: Schroeder, Annette. Designed for individual or group study, this booklet provides practical tips for church greeters and ushers. Topics include: what visitors want (and don't want) from greeters, a trade secret -- the acceptance mode, watching for deep need, how to show God's love, emergencies, and more. Age: YAS. 48 Pages.

Children and Youth

DVD:

CHILDREN IN THE SANCTUARY (103003) Involving Children Fully in the Worship Life of a Congregation. This DVD and the accompanying study guide include six segments addressing the following topics: What is worship?; Promises made at baptism; Opportunities and challenges in corporate worship; Children participating in worship; Children leading in worship; Children planning worship. Age: A. 26 Minutes.

Books:

ALWAYS IN REHEARSAL (806168) Author: Ritchie, James. The Practice of Worship and the Presence of Children. Chapter titles: Prime-time rehearsal; The kids' eye view on worship; Worship as working, playing, waiting, and relating; Worship and education--it's all just church; Worship the Lord in the beauty of bulletins; Worship the Lord in the wonder of words; Worship the Lord with symbols and cymbals; Worship the Lord with our bodies in motion; Worship the Lord all at once and alone; Getting ready for the rehearsal. Includes some of the author's music, appropriate for use with children. Age: A. 144 Pages.

CHILDREN WORSHIP! (816065) Author: Norton, Maryjane Pierce. This book contains planned experiences that help children understand what is expected in worship, how to participate, and what our words and actions mean. Designed to be used with children ages five through eight or as an intergenerational experience, it includes a planning guide, individual session plans, congregational bulletin inserts, parent letters, and reproducible activity sheets. Age: A. 127 Pages.

GET READY! GET SET! WORSHIP! (806056) Author: Lou, Love, Meyers, and Washer. The authors provide a complete teaching program to prepare children and their families for worship and meaningful participation in the sacraments. Part 1: Adult Study. Part 2: Worship Education for Children. Part 3: Sacraments. Part 4: Children in Worship. Part 5: The Church Year. 146 Pages.

MAKING WORSHIP REAL - A RESOURCE FOR YOUTH AND THEIR LEADERS (826400) Author: Buchanan, Aimee & Bill, and Martin, Jodi. This book provides ways to help young people understand, experience, and be creators of worship. Each chapter includes activities and discussion questions. Chapter titles include: Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon, Reading of the Word, Affirmation of Faith, Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer, Offering, Music, Communion, Baptism, and others. Age: MHYA. 133 Pages.

WORSHIP THE LORD WITH GLADNESS: GOD'S CHILDREN IN WORSHIP (814014) Author: Hays, Rita. Learning about Worship. This book of 13 lessons is designed to teach young elementary children (K - 3rd Grade) about worship. Each lesson is based upon a Scripture verse that the children examine in detail. Activities, games, drama, role-play, reproducibles, and music are incorporated into the lessons. There is also an opportunity during each session for children to engage in worship. Take-home ideas for worship in the family and ways to reinforce the lessons in the home are provided. Age: A. 120 Pages.

The Worship Environment and Service:

Books:

ALTAR GUILD AND SACRISTY HANDBOOK (815048) Author: Stauffer, S. Anita. Fourth Revised Edition. Practical information on caring for the worship space, furnishings, appointments, vestments, and linens and detailed instructions on preparing for the sacraments and for funerals, weddings, and other occasional services. Includes a glossary and index. Age: A. 148 Pages.

ALTARS FOR EVERYONE: WORSHIP DESIGNS ON ANY BUDGET (814007) Author: Townley, Nancy and Davis, Stephanie. Ideas for creative altar displays throughout the Christian Year. Age: A. 153 Pages.

BRIM: CREATIVE OVERFLOW IN WORSHIP DESIGN (815143) Author: Moran, Andra; Castle, Suzanne; Keafer, Emily. Designed to give worship leaders and pastors a creative way to infuse art, technology, and multi-sensory experiences into worship, this book includes ten chapters with worship themes that can be used for individual services or series experiences. Chapters: Hand-me-downs; Fear not; Fairy tales and faith; Love rescue me; Revolution; Lost; Glow; Like a child; Jam -- the fruit of the Spirit; What the world needs now. Age: YAS. 144 Pages.

CREATING HOLY SPACES: WORSHIP VISUALS FOR THE REVISED COMMON LECTIONARY (812118) Author: Halverson, Delia and Appleby, Karen. The authors provide worship visuals tied to each Sunday of all three years of the Revised Common Lectionary. They can be assembled on the altar, placed elsewhere in the sanctuary, or photographed to be used for projection. Includes topical and scripture indexes. Age: A. 176 Pages.

EXPERIENTIAL WORSHIPS: ENCOUNTERING GOD WITH HEART, SOUL, MIND, AND STRENGTH (805048) Author: Rognlien, Bob. Provocative and practical, this book will equip those of diverse backgrounds and churches of all sizes to build services that change lives for years to come. Main headings: The Great Commandment--experiential worship is not optional!; StrengthWorship:engaging and transforming the body; MindWorship:engaging and transforming the intellect; SoulWorship:engaging and transforming the emotions; HeartWorship:engaging and transforming the will; Making It Happen!:a pathway for implementing experiential worship. Age: A. 233 Pages.

FIESTA CRISTIANA: RECURSOS PARA LA ADORACION/RESOURCES FOR WORSHIP (804001) Author: Martinez, Joel N. & Raquel M. A bilingual worship tool for use in Hispanic congregations and other congregations developing ministries with Hispanics. The organization of this book follows the pattern of the United Methodist Book of Worship. It incorporates the cycles of the Christian Year, offers resources for special days in the United Methodist calendar, adds a Spanish version of the Revised Common Lectionary, offers specific liturgies from the Hispanic tradition, and provides resources for occasional services and celebrations in the life of the church. Age: A. 320 Pages.

FROM A MUSTARD SEED: ENLIVENING WORSHIP AND MUSIC IN THE SMALL CHURCH (814095) Author: Epperly, Bruce and Hollinger, Daryl. Chapter titles: The small church -- beautiful and challenging; Glory and gratitude and praise -- theology and worship in the small church; How can we keep from singing? -- transforming music in the small church; The work of the people -- good singing in the assembly; Sing to God a new song -- developing an eclectic repertoire; The pastor and the church musician -- friend, foe, or fiasco; Worship planning -- design, shape, and flow; Theology for the church musician -- partners in spiritual formation; Great is God's faithfulness -- music and worship through all the seasons of life; A tale of two churches -- small churches with great worship. Age: A. 210 Pages.

NEW PASTOR'S GUIDE TO LEADING WORSHIP (806200) Author: Miller, Barbara Day. This practical book is for new pastors as they move into the role of worship leader and planner. Chapter titles include: Preparing to

lead; Rituals--the 'way we do it here;' Leading the prayers; Leading at the table--Holy Communion; Leading at the font--Baptism; Leading through the seasons and times--the Christian year; Leading with musicians; Leading worship with the hymnal; Leading the people into leadership; and more. Age: A. 113 Pages.

ROCK OF AGES: A WORSHIP AND SONGBOOK FOR RETIREMENT LIVING (816135) Author: Gentzler, Benedict, McIntyre. This book was developed to provide a basic resource for those who plan worship and for those who gather for worship in long-term healthcare facilities, assisted-living settings, retirement communities, hospitals, and homes. Includes index. Age: A. 128 Pages.

SEASONS FOR PRAISE: ART FOR THE SANCTUARY (805221) Author: Sudbrock, Eleanore Feucht. Ideas for Integrating Art and Worship. Chapter titles: Organization and imagination; Advent; Christmas; Epiphany; Lent; Easter; Pentecost; The Day of Holy Trinity and the Sundays after Pentecost or Ordinary Time; All through the year (baptism, wall texts, rainbow wall/banners, outdoor banners); Construction aids. Ideas could be adapted for classroom use. Age: A. 71 Pages.

THINK LIKE A FILMMAKER: SENSORY-RICH WORSHIP DESIGN FOR UNFORGETTABLE MESSAGES (817128) Author: McFee, Marcia. Step-by-Step Help for Worship Planning from the Worship Design Studio. Chapters: Conceptualizing the story; Gathering the team; Think like an art director - visual arts in worship; Think like a screenwriter - verbal arts in worship; Think like a composer - music arts in worship; Think like a cinematographer - media arts in worship; Think like a director - dramatic arts in worship; Think like an editor - production continues; The release and the reviews. Includes index. Age: YAS. 280 Pages.

UNITED METHODIST ALTARS: A GUIDE FOR THE CONGREGATION (857210) Author: Hickman, Hoyt. Revised edition. A practical guide for worship committee members. Chapter titles: The altar guild, Space and furnishings, Symbols, Vesting for worship, Worship appointments, The Christian year, Preparing for services (general, Holy Communion, Holy Baptism, weddings, funerals). Includes glossary. Age: A. 93 Pages.

UNITED METHODIST BOOK OF WORSHIP (875466) Author: United Methodist Church. A collection of worship material including services, liturgies, litanies, prayers, blessings, music, and other acts of worship. Age: A. 754 Pages.

UPPER ROOM WORSHIPBOOK (808051) Author: Eslinger, Elisel, editor. Music and Liturgies for Spiritual Formation. This is an updated and spirited blend of hymns, prayers, and various kinds of songs and liturgies for both the individual or a community. Units: 1)Liturgies for daily prayer; 2)Liturgies for Holy Communion; 3)Hymns and songs; 4)Psalms; 5)Global songs and responses; 5)Prayers of Jesus. Includes indexes for scriptures and titles/first lines. Pew edition. Age: A. 467 Pages.

WORSHIP IN THE GARDEN: SERVICES FOR OUTDOOR WORSHIP (814002) Author: Pratt, J. Wayne. The author provides liturgies for the following services: Celebrating God's creation; Baptism; Infant dedication; Communion; Way of the Cross; Easter sunrise; Blessing of the animals; Healing service; Reflection/Reconciliation/Renewal; Love Feast; Wedding; Memorial service; Graveside committal service. Age: A. 137 Pages.

WORSHIP WORKSHOP: CREATIVE WAYS TO DESIGN WORSHIP TOGETHER (826403) Author: McFee, Marcia. Information and reproducible handouts that help worship teams create more meaningful and memorable worship for their congregations. Chapter titles: Change? First, let's evaluate!; Diverse designs for congregational worship; How can history help us change?; Get more people involved using seasonal teams; Utilizing arts and artists in the church. Age: A. 112 Pages.

WORSHIPING IN THE SMALL MEMBERSHIP CHURCH (808060) Author: Wallace, Robin Knowles. Chapter titles: Worship--a convergence or meeting place; Begin where you are--involving the congregation in worship leadership and participation; Our context--the worship space; Getting ready to plan the weekly service; Planning the actual service; Baptism and communion; The arts in worship; Select ideas for

congregations up to one hundred. Appendix includes interest survey, bibliography, thoughts on music, and glossary. Age: A. 118 Pages.

Music/Hymnals:

COMPANION TO THE UNITED METHODIST HYMNAL (826422) Author: Young, Carlton R. Part One:General Articles; Part Two:Commentary on Hymns, Canticles, and Acts of Worship; Part Three:Biographies; Part Four:References and Indexes. Age: A. 940 Pages.

HYMNS FROM THE FOUR WINDS (800245) Author: Abingdon Press. A collection of Asian American hymns. Part One: Praise and Adoration; Part Two: The Church; Part Three: The Christian Life; Part Four: Children; Part Five:Youth; Part Six: Psalms and Service Music. Age: A.

PRAYING TWICE: THE MUSIC AND WORDS OF CONGREGATIONAL SONG (816154) Author: Wren, Brian. Renowned theologian and hymn writer Brian Wren explores the theological significance of congregational singing, analyzes the importance of contemporary worship music, and explains the power of tune and text in the life and nurture of a congregation. Chapter titles: Glimpses of congregational song; Why congregational song is indispensable; Encouraging the people's song; Contemporary worship music; Assessing the lyrics of congregational song; Refrains, choruses, and other people's songs; Chant and ritual song; Hymns as poems of faith; Why do they keep changing the good old hymns?; How hymns do theology. Includes Scripture, name, subject, and title indexes. Age: A. 422 Pages.

REFERENCE COMPANION TO THE UNITED METHODIST HYMNAL AND THE FAITH WE SING (812051) Author: McIntyre, Dean. This book contains a variety of indexes for both 'The United Methodist Hymnal' and 'The Faith We Sing,' including, for example, Ethnic and Global Songs by Origin, Hymns Composed or Arranged by Women, Hymns with Chord Symbols, Canticles by Source or Scripture, and more. Age: A. 368 Pages.

SONGS OF ZION (827430) Author: Johnston, Mada P., editor. Supplemental Worship Resource 12. Songs of the Black religious tradition. Chapter titles: A historical account of the hymn in the Black worship experience; 71 hymns; A historical account of the Negro spiritual; 98 Negro spirituals; A historical account of the Black gospel song; 31 Black gospel songs; 13 songs for special occasions; Service music (34 songs); Indexes. Age: A. 254 Pages.

VOICES: NATIVE AMERICAN HYMNS AND WORSHIP RESOURCES (877542) Author: Hofstra, Marilyn This book contains resources indigenous to 25 tribes, including 61 tribal hymns with phonetic pronunciation. Age: A. 94 Pages.

ZION STILL SINGS: FOR EVERY GENERATION (807146) Author: McCoy, Myron, editor. Designed as a supplement to 'Songs of Zion,' this vibrant compilation pulls together over 200 generation-spanning songs and hymns from a variety of sources. Includes indexes. Age: A. 239 Pages.

General:

DVDs:

REACHING OTHERS THROUGH WORSHIP (118056) Author: Weems, Lovett and Berlin, Tom. This DVD/CD-ROM resource includes three DVD presentations, six PowerPoint presentations, and printable handouts.

DVD segments: 1) How to Reach More People in Worship by Paying Attention, Lovett Weems (22 min.); 2) The Power of Worship, Tom Berlin (19 min.); 3) How Do People See Your Church? The resource CD includes narrated presentations, PowerPoint presentations, and other resources on these topics: 1) Learning Clues from Attendance Patterns to Improve Attendance; 2) Putting Out the Welcome Mat; 3) The Ministry of Greeting; 4) Tips for Making Worship More Visitor Friendly; 5) The Sermon Series as Outreach Tool; 6) Ways to Improve Summer Attendance. Age: A.

Books:

ABCS OF WORSHIP: A CONCISE DICTIONARY (866544) Author: Stake, Donald Wilson. A cross-referenced handbook containing 150 articles on terms and practices used in worship. Age: A. 196 Pages.

INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN WORSHIP: THIRD EDITION (816237) Author: White, James

Revised and Expanded. Chapter titles: What do we mean by 'Christian worship?'; The language of time; The language of space; The sounds of church music; Daily public prayer; The service of the Word; God's love made visible; Christian initiation; The Eucharist; Occasional services. Includes color photos, bibliography, and index. Age: A. 326 Pages.

OVERFLOW: INCREASE WORSHIP ATTENDANCE AND BEAR MORE FRUIT (814032) Author: Weems, Lovett and Berlin, Tom. Lovett Weems and Tom Berlin share research-based insights and tactical ideas that result in improved worship attendance and fruitful congregations. They offer clear instruction, showing church leaders the areas to which they must pay attention throughout the year and demonstrating new ways to approach worship planning. Age: A. 144 Pages.

WORSHIP IS A VERB: EIGHT PRINCIPLES FOR TRANSFORMING WORSHIP (816184) Author: Webber, Robert. This book is designed to facilitate discussion on intentional worship renewal by exploring eight principles: 1) Worship celebrates Christ; 2) Worship tells and acts out the Christ-event; 3) In worship God speaks and acts; 4) Worship is an act of communication; 5) In worship we respond to God and each other; 6) Return worship to the people; 7) All creation joins in worship -- time/space/sound/the arts; 8) Worship as a way of life. Questions are provided for individual or group study. Age: A. 225 Pages.

WORSHIP MATTERS: A STUDY FOR CONGREGATIONS (815076) Author: Vann, Jane Rogers. Based on numerous visits with congregations of many denominations, the author examines how we can eliminate the barrier between the preacher and the people in the pews and offers practical advice directed not just toward church leaders but to worship committees and church members. Includes black-and-white photos. Chapters: Not talking about worship; The symbolic languages of worship; Gathering God's people -- a place for worship; Dressing the space -- making the unseen visible through the arts; Enacting worship -- using our bodies in worship; Timekeeping -- liturgical days and seasons; Proclaiming God's praise -- liturgical speech; Lifting our voices -- liturgical song. Includes questions for discussion. Age: A. 140 Pages.

WORSHIP WAYS: FOR THE PEOPLE WITHIN YOUR REACH (815139) Author: Bandy, Thomas and Holmes, Lucinda. Tom Bandy and Lucinda Holmes explain seven categories of basic human need and show how different approaches to worship can help worshipers experience God as an answer to those needs. Options: coaching worship; educational worship; transformational worship; inspirational worship; caregiving worship; healing worship; mission-connectional worship. Age: A. 261 Pages.