

Connective



How are we individually and communally connected with the community outside of regularly-scheduled activities?

How does our personal and communal passion intersect with the world's greatest need?

Why Connective Worship?

Connective worship helps us to live into the beloved community to which God calls us.

"Instead of going (to church) to connect with God and others in meaningful relationships, people started going to church to be convinced of transcendent truth, or, if they already numbered among the convinced, to have their beliefs and religious convictions confirmed from the pulpit." Len Sweet

- *Does our church see itself as a community-builder?*
- *How does our worship address feelings of isolation?*
- *How does our worship connect us to the world outside our doors?*
- *How does worship foster deep connection with God, others, self and creation?*

Video Conversation starters:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Us-TVg40ExM>

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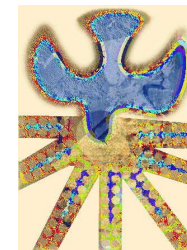
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EXPERIENTIAL

For corporate worship to be not only meaningful but enter into a deeper place in our hearts/spirits/bodies/minds, the 'congregation' needs to be more than spectators. People need to be profoundly engaged.

"The Life of faith ...is characterized by experiences that are meaningful; full participation in those experiences; and deep connections with God, others, self and creation" Len Sweet

Why Experiential Worship?

Experiential Worship helps us to be authentic and ground our faith in both emotion and intellect. It connects head, and heart and spirit.



"The product is no longer king, it's the experience that surrounds the product that brings people to the door" Len Sweet

- *What is the 'product' we offer and how might we better enable the worshipping community to experience it?*
- *How do we set up or create our worship space?*
- *How do we prepare people for worship?*
- *What is the experience we want to invite people into?*

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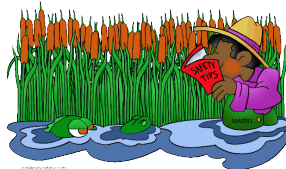
How do we as a faith community participate in God's work and manifest that participation as church and individuals, in worship?

How does that participation give meaning to our life individually and as a community?

Why Participatory Worship?

Participatory Worship helps us all be co-creators in worship, it helps us make the journey toward full engagement.

"People want to participate in an organic way, not in a strategic or formulaic way. They are not interested in our strategies of participation; they are interested in participation itself." Len Sweet



- *Who do we invite to participate in worship now? How do we invite them?*
- *What are the main entry points to participation in our congregation?*
- *Who may be included or excluded from participation? What are the barriers to full participation?*

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GA8z7f7a2Pk>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DNQol6oNgVE>

IMAGE-RICH

What metaphors guide our life as individuals and a faith community?

How are those metaphors present in our communal worship?

Why Image-Rich Worship?

Image-rich Worship helps us apply our faith stories to our daily lives. It broadens our imagination, helps us to build connections and makes worship more relevant.

"Stories paint pictures that come alive in your imagination" Len Sweet



- *How can we make the stories of our faith come to life in worship?*
- *What is the use of symbols in our worship and worship space?*

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R55e-uHQna0>
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