

Draft Worship Outline

July 4, 2021 - September 26, 2021, Year B
The Rush United Methodist Church
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Prayer, reading, and reflection has led to this bare-bones preliminary draft worship plan for July - September, 2021. It is an insight to where God is leading us.

Allow this draft serve as a foundation for a collaborative effort to organize and lead every worship service to creative excellence. Review, make notes, edit, and use as you see fit with my thanks.

Listen for God to speak. Discern God's will. Share the Spirit's direction.

A Worship Team planning meeting will be set for early June. Please extend an invitation to anyone who can constructively contribute to this process. I hope you can attend and participate, using your unique God given skills and talents.

The COVID19 pandemic thankfully wanes. Think, pray, and dream how this can contribute to the richness of our worship experience.

Starting July 1st, Judy will be retired, Kellianne will remain as our director of music and will now direct the choir, and Ena will take the month of July off for vacation. Ena will supply recordings of music for Sundays she is away.

Summers are hard on staff and volunteers. We should consider one service during the summer, as we have done the prior two years. Your thoughts?

Thanks to Alethea for arranging for families to provide the Gospel readings, and, thanks to Wendy for contributing children messages!

Thank you for your faithful service!

Year B

(Liturgical Year B - Mark is the Dominate Gospel, supported throughout the year by the Gospel of John)

July 4, 2021

6th Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 9 - Independence Day - Green

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 Psalm 48 Ezekiel 2:1-5 Psalm 123 2 Corinthians
12:2-10 Mark 6:1-13

Jesus returns to his hometown to teach in the synagogue, where he is derided by family and neighbors, leaving him powerless to do much. Jesus is amazed at their unbelief.

One Service at 10:00 am. Todd will provide the liturgical draft for worship before going on vacation. Pastor Shiela will be preaching and leading worship.

Arts:

Worship:

Music:

July 11, 2021

7th Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 10 - Green

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19 Psalm 24 Amos 7:7-15 Psalm 85:8-13 Ephesians
1:3-14 Mark 6:14-29

The Gospel narrative describes the events leading to the beheading of John the Baptist. Herod hoped a headless man would put to rest any resurrection rumors. Lust and power make for violent outcomes.

Arts:

Worship:

Music:

Second Sunday Lunch - When it is Safe!

July 18, 2021

8th Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 11 - Green

2 Samuel 7:1-14a Psalm 89:20-37 Jeremiah 23:1-6 Psalm 23
Ephesians 2:11-22 Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Apostles gather with Jesus and go to a deserted place to rest. Crowds follow them. Jesus has compassion on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd. They cross over the lake. Jesus is recognized and he begins to draw a crowd. People brought the sick from across the land at Gennesaret to touch the fringe of Jesus' cloak and be healed.

Arts:

Worship:

Music:

July 25, 2021

9th Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 12 - Green

2 Samuel 11:1-15 Psalm 142 Kings 4:42-44 Psalm 145:10-18
Ephesians 3:14-21 John 6:1-21 (The first of five Sunday's from John 6. Bread is a common theme.)

Jesus feeds 5,000 with 5 loaves and two fish, with twelve baskets of food left over. The crowd recognized this miracle as a sign that Jesus is the anticipated prophet. When evening came, the disciples set out by boat across the Sea of Galilee, headed to Capernaum. The sea became rough and the wind blew. Being 3 or 4 miles from shore, they see Jesus approaching, walking on water. They were terrified. Jesus identifies himself and tells them to not be afraid. Immediately they reached shore.

Arts:

Worship:

Music:

Musa weNkosi Orphanage Support Offering

August 1, 2021

10th Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 13 - Green

2 Samuel 11:26 - 12:13a Psalm 51:1-12 Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15
Psalm 78:23-29 Ephesians 4:1-16 John 6:24-35

The crowds follow Jesus across the Sea of Galilee once again, seeking another free lunch. He is teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. Jesus directs them to seek after food that endures for eternal life. They ask what they must do to perform the work of God. Jesus instructs them to believe in the one who God sent. They ask about signs, citing manna in the wilderness. Jesus corrects them. Moses didn't provide manna, God did, giving life to the world. They ask for God's bread. Jesus concludes with "I Am" the bread of life. Those who come to Jesus will never hunger or thirst.

Arts:

Worship:

Music:

August 8, 2021

11th Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 14 - Green

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33 Psalm 130 1 Kings 19:4-8 Psalm 34:1-8
Ephesians 4:25-5:2 John 6:35, 41-51

Jesus is the bread of life. Those who follow him will never hunger or thirst. Some questioned Jesus about coming down from heaven. Jesus tells them to stop complaining! He tells them that none follow him unless drawn by his heavenly Father. All who follow him will be raised up on the last day. Whoever believes has eternal life. Eating of the bread that comes from heaven gives eternal life, unlike manna in the wilderness that fed for a day but left them mortal. The bread Jesus gives for the life of the world in his flesh.

Arts:

Worship:

Music:

Second Sunday Lunch - When it is Safe!

August 15, 2021

12th Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 15 - Green

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14 Psalm 111 Proverbs 9:1-6
Psalm 34:9-14 Ephesians 5:15-20 John 6:51-58

Unless you eat of the flesh and drink the blood of the Son of Man you have no life. Those who eat His flesh and drink His blood have eternal life and will be raised on the last day. They will abide in Him, and Jesus will abide in them.

Arts:

Worship:

Music:

August 22, 2021

13th Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 16 - Green

1 Kings 8:(1,6,10-11), 22-30, 41-43 Psalm 84 Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18
Psalm 34:15-22 Ephesians 6:10-20 John 6:56-69

Some in the synagogue complained about Jesus' claim. Jesus gives them the opportunity to stop following him and leave. He asked the twelve disciples if they wanted to leave. Peter asks where would they go? Only Jesus has the words of eternal life. They believed and came to know Jesus is the Holy One of God. Twice Jesus recognizes Judas as the one of the twelve who would betray him.

Arts:

Worship:

Music:

August 29, 2021

14th Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 17 - Green

Song of Solomon 2:8-13 Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9 Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9
Psalm 15 James 1:17-27 Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Pharisees and scribes criticize Jesus for his disciples eating with defiled (dirty) hands. Jesus calls them hypocrites, telling them they teach human precepts as doctrines. Jesus addresses the crowd. He tells them nothing they eat can defile them, only that which comes out. It is evil intentions from within that defiles: fornication (sex between unmarried people), theft, murder, adultery (sex between a married person and one who is not their spouse), avarice (extreme greed for wealth or material gain), wickedness, deceit, licentious (promiscuous and unprincipled behavior), envy, slander, pride, folly.

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Music:

Musa weNkosi Orphanage Support Offering

September 5, 2021

15th Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 18 - Green
Labor Day Week-End

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 Psalm 125 Isaiah 35:4-7a
Psalm 146 James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17 Mark 7:24-37

A gentile woman from the region of Tyre begs Jesus to cast a demon out of her daughter. He resists. She doesn't back down. Jesus must have admired her faith and tenacity. The woman returns home and finds her daughter laying in the bed with the demon gone.

September 12, 2021

16th Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 19 - Green

"From Mourning to Joy - The End of COVID19"

Rally Day - Start of Christian Education / Sunday School

Resumption of Rush Hour Youth Fellowship

Draft ideas:

1. Graffiti Panels: seeking contributions that demonstrate our Mourning and our Joy. Set up August 1st?
2. Second Sunday Lunch in the pavilion
3. Blessing and Dedication of the new playground!
4. Burning of Masks
5. Time Capsule
6. Conclude with fireworks / confetti cannons?
7. Town involvement?
8. Fire Department involvement?
9. Banner outside?
10. Who else?
11. What else?

Proverbs 1:20-33 Psalm 19 Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 116:1-9

Wisdom of Solomon 7:26 - 8:1 James 3:1-12 Mark 8:27-38

Jesus asks his disciples who people think he is. Peter declares he is the Messiah. He tells him to keep it quiet. Jesus then tells them of his death and resurrection. Peter attempts to rebuke Jesus. Instead, Jesus calls him Satan, commands him into submission for not having his mind on divine things. Jesus calls the crowd to gather with his disciples and teaches them the essential qualities of discipleship: self-denial, take up their cross, and follow Jesus. Shame will come to those who are ashamed of his words.

Arts:

Worship:

Music:

September 19, 2021

17th Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 20 - Green

Proverbs 31:10-31

Psalm 1 Wisdom of Solomon 1:16-2:1, 12-22 or Jeremiah 11:18-20

Psalm 54 James 3:13 - 4:3, 7-8a Mark 9:30-37

Jesus again foretells of his death and resurrection. His disciples do not understand and are afraid to ask him. On the road the disciples argue over who was the greatest. Jesus replies "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." He lifts a child and tells them that those who welcome children (of faith) welcome Him and the one who sent him.

Arts:

Worship:

Music:

September 26, 2021

18th Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 21 - Green

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22 Psalm 124 Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

Psalm 19:7-14 James 5:13-20 Mark 9:38-50

Jesus is asked about another who is casting out demons. Jesus tells his disciples to let him alone. Whoever is not against us is for us. He warns them of putting stumbling blocks before children (of faith). It would be better to be drown, have your hand or foot cut off, and burn in the fire of hell. Remove everything that might cause one to stumble. Be salted with fire, Jesus, concludes. "Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

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Notes:

1. Pastor Todd on Vacation: January 6 - 17, 2022
2. Pastor Todd on Vacation: June 4 - 11, 2022

References:

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