

Draft Worship Outline

January to June, 2022 - Year C

The Rush United Methodist Church

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Prayer, reading, and reflection has led to this bare-bones preliminary draft worship plan for January to June, 2022. 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 with 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 Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at 7:00 pm. 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.

We are all tired of COVID. Thanks for adapting to change and keeping positive. Be gentle with each other. Everyone has it hard.

Erma and Leon are seeking volunteers to take Holy Communion the first Sunday of each month to our elderly shut-in members and friends. Contact them if you would like to volunteer.

Thanks to Alethea for arranging for families to provide the Gospel readings, and, thanks to Wendy for contributing children messages! Thank you to Cindy Gray for organizing Communion Stewards while Erin and Dave are on extended vacation.

Thank you for your faithful service!

January 2, 2022

Ninth Day of Christmas, White

Jeremiah 31:7-14 or Sirach 24:1-12 Psalm 147:12-20 or Wisdom of Solomon 10:15-21 Ephesians 1:3-14 John 1:(1-9), 10-18

John begins his Gospel with eloquence: “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ... And the Word became flesh and lived among us.”

Notes:

Anointing with oil

Taking Holy Communion to elderly shut-ins. Volunteer by contacting Erma or Leon Perkins

January 9, 2022

Baptism of the Lord, White

Guest Preacher and Celebrant: The Rev. Padraic Collins-Bohrer

Isaiah 43:1-7 Psalm 29 Acts 8:14-17 Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

John tells the people that he isn't the Messiah, but the one who is more powerful is coming. He will judge, separating the wheat from the chaff. John baptizes Jesus in the Jordan river. Heaven opens, the Holy Spirit descends, and the voice from heaven proclaimed “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

Notes: 2nd Sunday Lunch following the 10:45 a.m. worship service

January 16, 2022

Second Sunday after the Epiphany, Green

Guest Preacher and Celebrant: The Rev. Padraic Collins-Bohrer

Isaiah 62:1-5 Psalm 36:5-10 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 John 2:1-11

Jesus turns water into wine at a wedding reception in Cana. He did this sign to reveal his glory that his disciples might believe in him.

Notes:

January 23, 2022

Third Sunday after the Epiphany, Green

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a Luke 4:14-21

Jesus begins his Galilean ministry. He reads from the prophet Isaiah in the synagogue on the Sabbath, announcing the fact that he is the promised Good News the world had been promised.

Notes: Musa weNkosi Orphanage special offering

January 30, 2022

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany, Green

Jeremiah 1:4-10 Psalm 71:1-6 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 Luke 4:21-30

In a continuation from the prior Sunday, Jesus is rejected in his own hometown. The crowd attempts to hurl him off a cliff, but he passed through the midst and went on his way.

Notes:

February 6, 2022

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany, Green

Isaiah 6:1-8, (9-13); Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

Jesus teaches the crowd beside the lake of Gennesaret (Sea of Galilee), then tells Simon Peter that he might have a better outcome if he tried fishing from the other side of the boat. Jesus calls his first disciples, local fishermen Simon Peter, James, and John.

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February 13, 2022

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany, Green

Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1; 1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 6:17-26

Jesus teaches, heals, and casts out unclean spirits, on a level place where crowds had come to him. His lesson was on blessings and woes, commonly referred to as the Beatitudes.

Notes:

February 20, 2022

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany, Green

Genesis 45:3-11, 15; Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40; 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50; Luke 6:27-38

Jesus continues his lesson on the plane by teaching how we are to treat our enemies. Go the extra mile, give more than expected, love, do good,

lend, and expect nothing in return. Furthermore, Jesus warns the crowd not to judge other, for we will be judged by the same measure.

Notes:

February 27, 2022

Transfiguration of the Lord

Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99; 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-36

Jesus takes Peter, John, and James with him to the top of a mountain to pray. Moses and Elijah appear in their midst and Jesus' face was transfigured before their eyes. A cloud over came them and a voice from the cloud said the same thing that was said at his baptism: "This is my Son, my Chosen, listen to him!"

Notes: Musa weNkosi Orphanage special offering

March 1, 2022

Mardi Gras

If the pandemic allows, let's throw a party! Think of it as one last fling before the start of Lent.

Notes:

March 2, 2022

Ash Wednesday, Purple
Lent Begins

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12; Psalm 51:1-17; 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Jesus teaches his followers to give alms to the poor anonymously, to fast without drawing attention to yourself, and to store up treasures in heaven.

Notes: Perhaps we could have attendees visit four interactive stations

1. Almsgiving
2. Fasting
3. Treasures in Heaven
4. Ashes are imposed on the forehead

Volunteers?

March 6, 2022

First Sunday of Lent, Purple

Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13

Following the baptism of Jesus, he is filled with the Holy Spirit and is led into the wilderness where he was tempted by the devil for 40 days.

Notes:

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March 13, 2022

Second Sunday of Lent, Purple

Daylight Saving Time Begins

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35

While making his way toward Jerusalem, Jesus is warned by some Pharisees that Herod wants to kill him. Jesus sends them back with a message, then he laments over the people of Jerusalem for their unwillingness to be gathered together under his protection.

Notes:

March 20, 2022

Third Sunday of Lent, Purple

Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

Jesus teaches the crowd to repent or risk perishing, then teaches them the parable of the barren fig tree. The owner of the vineyard gives a barren tree one additional year to bear fruit, but only one.

Notes:

March 27, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Lent, Purple

Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Jesus teaches gathering tax collectors and sinners the parable of the prodigal and his brother. This is a parable about God's grace, love, forgiveness, redemption, acceptance and our frequent stubborn response.

Notes: Musa weNkosi Orphanage special offering

April 3, 2022

Fifth Sunday of Lent, Purple

Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8

Jesus is invited to dinner at the home of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus (whom he had recently raised from the dead). While dining, Mary anointed Jesus with costly perfume. Judas disagrees with the apparent waste, and, in doing so, is identified as one who was stealing from the common purse. Jesus tells him to leave her alone.

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April 10, 2022

Palm / Passion Sunday, Purple

Beginning of Holy Week

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Luke 19:28-40

Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 22:14-23:56 or Luke 23:1-49

The opening of worship will be a Palm Sunday celebration. Midway through the service, the focus will pivot to the Passion of Jesus Christ. The Gospel lesson is the entire Passion narrative.

Notes:

April 14, 2022

Maundy Thursday, Purple

Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35

The Gospel of John is the account of Jesus with his disciples in the Upper Room the evening prior to his death. Jesus washes their feet, teaching them to likewise serve others.

Notes:

April 15, 2022

Good Friday, Black

Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42

The Passion of Jesus Christ is read aloud by ten different readers

1. 18:1-11 Betrayal and arrest of Jesus
2. 18:12-14 Jesus before the High Priest
3. 18:15-18 Peter denies Jesus
4. 18:19-24 The High Priest questions Jesus
5. 18:25-28 Peter denies Jesus again
6. 18:28-38a Jesus before Pilate
7. 18:38b-19:16 Jesus sentenced to death
8. 19:17-30 Jesus is crucified
9. 19:31-37 Jesus' side is pierced
10. 19:38-42 Jesus is buried in a tomb

The service ends in silence and darkness.

Notes:

April 17, 2022

Easter Sunday, White

Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 65:17-25; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 or Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12

Two men surprise women who had followed Jesus when they came to the tomb at early dawn planning to prepare the corpse with spices they had prepared. They report that Jesus has risen from the dead. Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women reported this development to the apostles, but were not believed. Peter inspects the tomb, but returns home amazed at what had happened.

Notes:

April 24, 2022

Second Sunday of Easter, White

Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 118:14-29 or Psalm 150; Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31

Jesus appears to the disciples (less Thomas), grants them peace, tells them that they are sent the same way his Father sent him, then breaths upon them, giving them the gift of the Holy Spirit to forgive sins. (This is sometimes referred to as John's Pentecost) Jesus returns a week later and appears to the disciples again, this time, with Thomas present. He sees and believes that Jesus is resurrected from the dead.

Notes: Musa weNkosi Orphanage special offering

May 1, 2022

Third Sunday of Easter, White

Acts 9:1-6, (7-20); Psalm 30; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

The resurrected Jesus appears to seven disciples on the Sea of Tiberias, tells them to try fishing from the other side of their boat. The disciples have a miraculous catch of fish and Jesus reveals himself. Jesus invites them to join him for a fish breakfast. Jesus asks Peter after breakfast if he loved him. He said he did. Jesus commanded him three times - the same number of times he had denied knowing Jesus - to feed his lambs. Jesus concludes with "follow me."

Notes:

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May 8, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Easter, White

Mother's Day

Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23; Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

Jesus is confronted by Jews while walking in the portico of Solomon. He tells them they don't believe and are not a part of his flock. Those who know his voice follow him. Jesus proclaims that "The Father and I are one."

Notes:

May 15, 2022

Fifth Sunday of Easter, White

Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148; Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35

Jesus teaches his disciples (with newly washed feet) to love one another, such that others will know they are his disciples by their love.

Notes:

May 22, 2022

Sixth Sunday of Easter, White

Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5; John 5:1-9

Jesus heals a man of his paralysis after he had waited 38 years for the healing waters of Bethesda to stir.

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May 29, 2022

Seventh Sunday of Easter, White
Memorial Day Weekend

Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97; Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21; John 17:20-26

Jesus prays for the unity of his disciple on the eve of his death, that the world may believe.

Notes:

June 5, 2022

Pentecost, Red

Acts 2:1-21 or Genesis 11:1-9; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Romans 8:14-17 or Acts 2:1-21; John 14:8-17, (25-27)

The Gospel account Jesus promises to ask the Father to give those who keep his commandments the gift of an eternal Advocate, the Spirit of truth, who will take up residence with and in you. The account from the Acts of the Apostles tells the narrative of the coming of the Holy Spirit to the disciples.

Notes:

Supply Pastor and Celebrant:

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June 12, 2022

Trinity Sunday, White

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

Jesus teaches that when the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth. The Spirit glorifies Jesus. All that Jesus has (think divinity) is his Father's and the Holy Spirit.

Notes:

June 19, 2022

2nd Sunday after Pentecost, Green

1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a; Psalm 42 and 43 Isaiah 65:1-9; Psalm 22:19-28; Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39

Jesus exorcises demons and heals a man on the east shore of the Sea of Galilee. The possessed man identified Jesus. Jesus asks him his name. He tells Jesus his name is Legion. The demons begged Jesus to be cast into a herd of swine, which Jesus did. The swine ran into the lake and were drowned. Legion asked Jesus if he could follow him. Jesus sent him home with the command to witness to how much God has done for him.

Notes:

June 26, 2022

3rd Sunday after Pentecost, Green

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14; Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20; 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21; Psalm 16; Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62

Jesus is traveling through Samaria and is rejected by the people in one of the villages he visits. The disciples want to destroy them and rain fire on them. Jesus refuses. As he leaves, he get numerous requests from individuals who want to become his disciples, but first ... Jesus rejects their offers. "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

Notes: Musa weNkosi Orphanage special offering

July 3, 2022

4th Sunday after Pentecost, Green

2 Kings 5:1-14; Psalm 30; Isaiah 66:10-14; Psalm 66:1-9; Galatians 6:(1-6), 7-16; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Jesus sends out seventy disciples in teams of two to towns he intended to visit himself. He instructs them what to do, and how to do it. They are to cure the sick and report that the kingdom of God has come near. Leave wherever you aren't welcomed with hospitality and peace. The seventy disciples return with joy, reporting that even demons submitted to them.

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Pastor Todd on Vacation: January 6 - 17, 2022

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References:

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