

Notes on Worship

Framing the Invitation

As you begin preparing to lead people into a deeper conversation with God about how and where God is calling them to serve, imagine ways to expand the language of the call.

What is the call? Is the call only for clergy persons or is it for everyone? How do you know what God is calling you to do? Can your call change? What are some indicators that you're "in the right place?" What are some ways to help people be comfortable in the waiting and discernment process?

Worship Leadership

Worship leadership includes everyone from the preacher, lay liturgist, choir and band members to the tech team, ushers, hospitality team, and folks who unlock and lock the building, and more. Your regular worship time is a wonderful expression of people responding to the call of God.

Today would be a great day to celebrate those who are serving within the walls of the church as everyone bears witness to these specific ministries, while beginning to notice what is stirring within them about how God has or is calling them.

Today would also be a great day to include other voices in the service. Consider inviting individuals with the gifts of reading aloud (with understanding and who represent the diversity of your community) to lead portions of the service (i.e. Call to Worship, Prayers, Scripture or Bearing Witness to God's call on them).

Exploring the Call Within the Context of Worship

Click [this link](#) to read about ways to engage those present in worship by carving out space for some introspection or sharing questions for them to reflect upon later as a way to dig deeper into their own call story.

Notice, Name, and Nurture

Throughout the service, consider ways in which you can invite individuals to **notice** the ways of serving that bring them joy and help them feel more like themselves - more expansive. These could also be ways of serving that they've imagined about themselves (or someone has encouraged them towards) that they haven't experienced yet, but are curious about.

Invite them to **name** these areas of serving, as these may be "sweet spots" of ministry in which they have been gifted and equipped.

Finally, explore with them ways to begin **nurturing** these areas.