

## Questions to Guide Congregational Conversations about Worship

January 22, 29<sup>th</sup> and February 26<sup>th</sup>

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**1. Start with two more high level questions about the experience of worship and what it means to people;**

- What does worship mean for you? Can you tell us of an experience in worship that was important to you, or that moved you?
- What do you want from worship? Do you want worship to transform you? Are you a changed person when you leave on Sunday? Does worship change your perspective or outlook, your approach of how you are going to live your week in a positive way? If transformation is not what you experience, what do you experience? Or want to experience?

**2. Then move into more specific questions about the components of worship. What is working and what is not for people.**

- What is most meaningful for you about worship? What do you like the most?
- What would you like to change about our worship?
- Are there special services (Hanging of the Greens, Pageant, Shared service with the Taiwan Presbyterian Church of Greater Boston, Ash Wednesday etc.) that are particularly meaningful to you or that are not meaningful at all and you'd like to see changed?
- What do you think the role of music should be in the worship service? How do you participate in the music in the worship service? How would you like to participate?
- What do you think the role of the sermon should be in the worship service?
- What do you think the role of the prayer time should be in the worship service?
- What do you think the role of the children's time should be? Are you enriched by the children's time?
- During what moments of worship do your kids and youth feel most included? Least included?
- Are there ways the worship service could/should be more/less inclusive of our children and youth?
- Do your kids ask you questions about worship (e.g. why we do or don't do certain things)? If so, could you share an example? What questions or kinds of questions do you feel under-equipped to answer?
- What forms of leadership have your children and youth taken in worship? How has that gone?
- What kinds of gifts do your kids have that could be used in worship?
- Do you experience God best in quiet, meditative moments in worship or as part of a greater community or both? Is there something we as church community can provide to insure all needs are met at some point or place in the service?
- Does anything about the worship service annoy you? What and why?

