

WORSHIP SURVEY 2026 RESULTS

Thank you so much to everyone who took the time to participate in our Worship Experience Survey! Your thoughtful reflections and honesty give us a clearer picture of what matters most to our community—where we feel rooted and where we might be ready to explore something new.

As we move forward, our pastor and leadership will look for ways to honor the traditions that anchor us while thoughtfully making room for fresh energy, connection, and welcome. Our goal is never change for the sake of change, but to create a worship space that glorifies God, deepens our relationships, and opens our doors wide to others

Please keep in mind: To keep this report readable and focused on clear trends, we have highlighted the top two responses for each question. The remaining percentage for each item represents individual or small-percentage selections (under 5%)

1. Select Your Age Range
 - 50% 55-75 years old
 - 19% 75-99 years old
 - 31% Other

2. How long have you been attending UMC Thousand Oaks?
 - 38% 25+ years
 - 30% 15 years - 25 years

3. How often do you attend Sunday Worship?
 - 44% Every Week
 - 44% Most Weeks
 - 12% Other

4. Which is your preferred method of attending Sunday Worship?
 - 92% In person
 - 8% Mix of both

5. Overall, how meaningful is our current Sunday worship service?
 - 56% Very meaningful and an important part of my weekly schedule
 - 27% Meaningful on most occasions
 - 17% Other



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6. Which parts of the service help you feel most connected to God and community?

- 37 out of 48 responses - Sermon
- 24 out of 48 responses - Communion
- 23 out of 48 responses - Hymns, Praise Songs, etc...
- 19 out of 48 responses - Time with Children
- 12 out of 48 responses - Scripture readings
- 11 out of 48 responses - Pastoral Prayer
- 5 out of 48 responses - Community Unison Prayers

7. How would you describe the tone of our worship service?

- 56% It feels familiar and comfortable, but upholds the tradition of our church.
- 21% I appreciate our roots, but the current format lacks energy

8. Which of these descriptions best captures the musical language that speaks most clearly to your heart?

- 31% I would love a 'Blended Approach': 50/50 traditional and contemporary
- 27% I am open to some variety
- 42% Other

9. How often do you find yourself thinking about or applying the Sunday message during your week?

- 67% Few Times a Week
- 19% Rarely
- 14% Other

10. When you leave worship, how often do you feel spiritually nourished?

- 46% Almost always
- 35% Often
- 19% Other

11. If you invited a friend or family member, how likely is it they would feel comfortable and engaged in our current worship service?

- 48% Somewhat likely
- 30% Very Likely
- 22% Other

12. How would you describe the energy of our worship service?

- 48% - Calm and Reflective
- 40% - A Balance of Reflective and High Energy
- 12% - Other

13. Which parts of our worship service feel least engaging or least meaningful to you?

- 70% The current music
- 10% Passing the Peace
- 20% Other

14. What is one thing in our current worship service that you deeply value and would not want to lose?

- 29% Sermon/Pastor
- 13% Communion
- 13% Passing the Peace
- 11% Time with Children
- 34% Other

15. What is one thing you would like the pastor to know regarding our worship?

- 50% Positive comments about the Pastor & Sermons
- 18% Recommend changes in music
- 32% Other