Introduction to Christian Worship

**Guidelines for the Group Project**

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Your group will present a virtual corporate worship service (35-45 min.). Your group needs online meetings and discussions to work collaboratively on this project. Guidelines for your group preparation are as follows:

1. **Define your congregation**. It may be one of your group members’ churches, your denominational gathering, or an ecumenical assembly. Your group should assume that the worshipers are a heterogeneous mix with varying degrees of formation and familiarity with the tradition(s) you will represent. Diversity in race, ethnicity, class, gender, age, sexual orientation, political conviction, and theological orientation must be considered.
2. **Choose a liturgical context**. For this group project, you are free to choose a worship service following the Christian calendar or a special liturgical event
3. **Choose a theological theme for your worship service**. For example, you may choose a theme connected with a liturgical season (e.g., Christian hope in the season of Advent, the incarnation in the season of Christmas, etc.) or a social justice issue (e.g., racism, climate change, etc.). Then, discuss with your group how the theme should be interpreted in your congregational and liturgical context and articulate it in 1-2 sentences.
4. **Consider what kind of worship style your group is going to use**. Traditional? Contemporary? Emergent? Blended? Or any other creative style?
5. **Design the order of service and discuss the components of worship.** For example, what kinds of music, prayer, technology, creed, text(s), sermon, etc. will be included in the service? Why should (or should not) some components be included in the order of service?
6. **Consider worship space(s)** and prepare some symbols and liturgical artifacts that represent your group’s liturgical theme, if necessary.
7. **Discuss and arrange each group member’s role** in producing the online service.
8. **Videotape and edit** your group’s worship video.
9. **Post on Canvas** (1) a worship bulletin and (2) a rationale by **Week 7, Friday** (2/25), 11:50 p.m. (MT) by attachment, and (3) a worship video and (4) a group evaluation by **Week 9, Friday** (3/11), 11:50 p.m. (MT) by attachment. You must also watch other groups’ worship videos and be ready to offer feedback at the second Zoom meeting in **Week 10, Wednesday** (3/16).