

NEW BRACKETT CHURCH - WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date, Time: Sunday, February 21st, 2:00pm

Attendees:

Jeannie Ashmore, Committee Chair
Rev Will Green, Pastor
Karin Elofson, Scribe
Jan Thomas, Music Director
Joy Mills
Jessica Townes George
Otis Thompson
Mavourneen Thompson
Margaret Bragdon
Muriel (Tookie) Bacon

1) Call to Order – Jeannie

2) Opening Prayer – Jeannie

3) Unfinished Business

- a) Review of Brackett Message
 - i) Message itself does not need to be updated at this time.
 - ii) Description and examples to be updated as needed.
- b) Review of 2021 Strategic Goals as relates to the Worship Committee.
 - i) No suggested updates were made during the meeting.

4) New Business

- a) Worship in the Time of COVID-19; big questions:
 - i) When can we offer communion again? What would it look like?
 - (1) Self-service, “Take and Eat”; allow for epiclesis, “Spirit comes in”
 - (2) Rev Will will review the Communion liturgy and make modifications to be inviting to more people.
 - (3) We may need to create our own **Brackett Liturgy**.
 - (a) Jan emphasized that planning for services takes time; there must be notice.
 - (b) Rev Will suggested that we could plan for August, at which time we are presumably back in the sanctuary.
 - (c) There was a push to consider outside services (rather than just Fire Circle) once the weather is better, perhaps as early as April. These would include music.
 - ii) When can we sing again?

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- (1) Perhaps by April, when many will have been vaccinated; others can join as they are able.
- iii) When will there be a Children's Ministry again?
- iv) What does a blended service look like?
 - (1) Karin asked who would be responsible for developing worship concepts for a Progressive Christian congregation. Rev Will? Worship Team? Definition Team?
 - (2) Rev Will felt that the Worship Committee is in fact the "Pastoring Committee".
 - (3) Mavourneen asked Rev Will what support he needed from the Worship Team.
 - (4) Otis emphasized that we need a starting point; the congregation and the liturgy will grow over time.
 - (5) Rev Will would like to see more laity led services.
- b) Margaret's Wish List
 - i) Communion
 - ii) Laity Sundays
 - iii) Celtic Sundays
 - iv) Bible Study
 - v) Music, Choir, Jan
 - vi) Spiritual Retreat
 - vii) Re-starting the Prayer Chain
- c) Convocation of Church Leadership
 - i) Jeannie proposed a convocation of Church Leadership, in part as a team-building opportunity.
 - ii) Mavourneen likes the idea but wants it open to whomever would like to attend.
 - iii) Perhaps it can be arranged in the Spring, after the snow melts.
- d) Easter Services
 - i) Son-rise Service at Whale Back is planned; Rev Will will check to see if acapella singing would be allowed.
 - ii) A service around the fire pit will happen at 10am; some kind of music to be included (even if a recording).
 - iii) Jess to talk to Lisa Peñalver and Vanessa Sylvester about having an Easter Egg Hunt after the service.

5) Adjournment

- a) Meeting ended at 3:30pm.

6) Next Meeting

- a) Sunday, March 21st at 2pm.