

Sunday Morning Worship Services: Our Special Time of Corporate Worship and Instruction

Corporate: Of or relating to a whole composed of individuals.

At Dungeness Community Church (DCC) we believe strongly that worship is not just something we do on Sunday mornings. Worship is something we do all through the week in our individual lives and in our own individual ways. One of the beauties of the Christian church is described in Romans 12:4-6a: "Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us."

Sunday mornings are the special times in which we who are parts of the Christian body at DCC come together for corporate worship and instruction. We believe that all parts of our Sunday morning experience work together to glorify God and are, therefore, all part of the worship experience. We are privileged to have a diverse Christian family at DCC with people attending in ages ranging from those who are infants to those in their late 90's and coming from many different church backgrounds or no church background at all.

With all this diversity in age, background, and culture comes a diversity of tastes and preferences. We understand this and we do not have a church service that necessarily fits one particular style. We strive to make our Sunday services work together as a whole, with the different parts supporting each other. Taking a scripture passage or teaching topic as our theme we then build the elements of our service around that theme.

On most Sundays our children stay with the adults for the first half-hour of the service to join us in the music part of our corporate worship. They are then dismissed to go to their Sunday school classes.

We are a music loving church and we usually spend from 15-25 minutes worshipping God through singing. We recognize that God has gifted people throughout history and inspired many to write praise and worship songs. Our music style is a mixture of both contemporary and traditional songs, hymns, and choruses ranging from fast rock to slow and mellow. The music on any particular Sunday is chosen to incorporate the service theme and, therefore, will vary in style from week to week.

We are led by a worship band which usually consists of piano, guitar, bass, drums, and from 2-5 singers. On occasion we have other instruments join us such as saxophone. Our band members and worship leaders work on a rotating schedule, so from Sunday to Sunday there will be a change in the people you see up front.

The focal point of our Sunday service is our pastoral teaching. At DCC this corporate instruction is centered directly on Biblical Scriptures and usually takes the form of a chapter by chapter exposition of a book or section of the Bible. Emphasis is placed on understanding what God has said in His Word and applying that to our lives. The goal of our teaching is for the Holy Spirit to transform our lives and to produce a Christ-like godliness in each worshipper.

Prayer is very important to us at DCC, so you will usually find prayer at the beginning, the end, and in the middle of our services. In addition to giving praise to

God in our prayers, we pray for members of our local church family, for our community, for the leaders of our church and the leaders of our country, for those in need both near and far away, and for the short and long term missionaries we support.

Understanding that art can be used to help give meaning to truth, we frequently include other elements in our services, such as videos, dramas, reader's theater, and dramatic scripture readings. And with our church's emphasis on global and local outreach we also love to incorporate reports about the experiences of our church family members and the many missionaries we support.

At DCC we desire to serve God, our community, and each other, and it is our joy to join with those of like mind as we worship Jesus Christ, our Lord.