

WORSHIP OUTLINE FOR OLDER ADULT SUNDAY: MAY 7, 2017

By Rev. June Begany

Idea:

Match youth or younger members with older members. Find out the Bible verses or stories that have been important to theme. Discover the stories and experiences that go with these verses. Then use some of these verses as the basis for the service. Perhaps the older adults could actually tell their stories as part of the service or as a time with children. The special verses might be on the bulletin cover or put up in the fellowship hall. Perhaps later in the year the youth or younger members could be encouraged to share their own favorite or meaningful verses.

Silent prayer before worship: For the gifts of age as well as youth, for experience as well as spontaneity we give you thanks and praise, O God. May we rejoice in the diversity you send this community as well as what you have given to each of us. Amen.

Welcome and community news

(Introit or opening by choir)

Call to Worship

One: I was glad when they said to me "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

All: We come running and on walkers, with hurried steps and halting to join together as your called together people.

One: This the day you have made for us, our Creator, a day for us to join in praise and worship of you.

All: We give thanks for this day and for this world, for this whole creation which you have called good.

One: You gather us together as our good Shepherd.

All: For your care of us all of our lives we praise your name.

Unison: Let us worship God.

Opening Hymn #821 *How Can I Keep From Singing?* Glory to God, or
 #464 *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* Presbyterian Hymnal

Passing the Peace

Call to confession

O Lord, we know how easy it is to go astray, to depart from your word and your way. Hear our confession and restore us to your family.

Unison Prayer of Confession

O Lord, you have created all of us, but sometimes we want to look only to youth and ignore our elders. Sometimes we act as though only the oldest, the longest standing members have anything to offer. Remind us O God we are all your

called out people. Forgive us when we forget that and ignore one group; by age or race or gender or ethnic origin. Help us to see you in each person. Restore us all by your grace into one family.

Time of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

One: This the good news we have received that anyone, no matter what age or origin, or other status is forgiven for when they have strayed from God and are now welcomed by God to the table God has spread before us if they put their trust in Jesus as Lord.

All: Thanks be to God for this good news.

Gloria Patri or other song of thanks and praise

Time with Young Disciples

Anthem

Unison prayer for Illumination

Your word is a table set before us that sustains us all of our lives. May our hearts and minds be open so we will be nourished by these scriptures and this worship and then be ready to be Christ's disciples, going where you send us. Amen.

First Lesson Psalm 23

Second lesson John 10:1-10, or I Peter 2:19-25, or Acts 2:42-47, or Isaiah 35:3-4, or other choice of the preacher or favorite verses of older adults in the congregation

Sermon

This may be an opportunity to invite a local hospice chaplain or other chaplain or those ministering to older adults to preach.

Middle Hymn	#172 <i>My Shepherd Will Supply My Need</i>	<u>Presbyterian</u>
<u>Hymnal</u>	#803	<u>Glory to God</u>

Affirmation of Faith Apostles Creed or excerpt from Belhar Confession

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer if not included in the communion liturgy

Offering

Doxology

Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving

For all the gifts you give us O God, gifts that come with age as well as those that are part of youth we give you thanks. In response to your greatest gift, Jesus Christ we respond with these gifts we offer. May the gifts and the givers be blessed and may the gifts be used to bring good news to your world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Communion Liturgy

Invitation

Call to Prayer

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

Prayer of Thanksgiving (Prayers of the People, Lord's Prayer and Affirmation of Faith may be included here.)

Consecration of the elements

Sharing the elements

Unison prayer after communion

Good Shepherd, we give thanks for this supper shared with your Son, Jesus. May we remember that you are there to guide us and refresh us all of our lives. You wish to lead all of us to green pastures. For your great love and care we offer you our thanks and praise. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Closing Hymn	#514 <i>Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ</i>	<u>Presbyterian</u>
<u>Hymnal</u>	#526	<u>Glory to God</u>

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Rev. June Begany served as an Associate Pastor for 24 years at a downtown Cleveland church, as an interim pastor for 2 years and is now retired. She is also a licensed social worker, has taught history in the Cleveland school district, and is certified to administer the Myers Briggs Type Indicator. She completed her capstone project for certification in the Older Adult Ministry program in 2014. She has recently served as secretary to the POAMN Executive Committee.