

Introduction to the Liturgy (8:00 AM)

5 February 2017

Introduction:

- Decided to do a more detailed version of the Kids First Sunday discussion
- Also, will try an interactive sermon, like we do on Thursdays, at Healing Eucharist

Structure:

- Liturgy of the Word
 - Background in Jewish synagogue
 - We listen to scripture, preaching on the scripture, and current applications
 - We pray (common prayer, individual prayer, with and without words)
 - We offer praise with song
- Liturgy of the Sacrament or Table
 - Background in Jesus' actions at the Last Supper
 - How is this part of the service structured? (four-fold shape, based in Jesus' actions)
 - Take—Offering
 - Bless—Eucharistic Prayer
 - Break—Fraction
 - Eat—Distribution
- Entrance and Exit Rites
 - Most variation here
 - Entrance: preparation
 - Exit: commission for work of God in the world

Actions/Rituals:

- Standing—prayer, praise in song, respect (Gospel)
- Kneeling—penitence, submission
- Sitting—listening, meditation
- Eating/Drinking—communion—unity with God and each other

Names/Symbols:

- Altar/Jesus' Table
- Chalice and paten
- Fair linen
- Candles

Discussion/Purposes:

- Why do we worship, as human beings?
- Why do we worship in the way we do as Christians?
 - "Do this in remembrance of me."
 - What does "liturgy" mean?
 - Why on Sunday (1st day/8th day)?
- Why does "Eucharist" mean?
- What are we thanking God for in our Sunday liturgy?

Introduction to the Liturgy (10:00 AM—Kids First Sunday)

Introduction:

- Does anyone remember what we did at our last Kids First Sunday?
 - We talked about what we do at Thanksgiving (have a big feast with our family to express our thanks to God) is also what we do every Sunday
- Today, I want you to pretend that I am Jesus and you are his friends and we're all going to have special meal together
 - How do we get ready for this meal?
 - We listen to the bible lessons and then we pray

What are the names of things we need for this meal?

- Table
- Chalice and paten
- Fair linen
- Candles

We are almost ready to start our meal, so what we do now?

- We need to set the table

Now, the table is set, what's missing? (the food and drink)

- Where is the bread and wine? (Jesus *took* the food and wine)
- But, what do we do before we eat?
 - We wash our hands
 - We pray (Jesus *blesses* the bread and wine)
- After we pray, how do we get the bread and wine ready?
 - We break the bread (just like Jesus *broke* the bread)
- After we break the bread, then what do we do?
 - We give it to all the people (Jesus gave it to his friends)
- Everything we do is like Jesus did long ago with his friends
 - Jesus took the bread and wine, he blessed it, he broke the bread, and he gave the bread and wine to his friends