

Providence Church - 405 S. Bowie Dr.

A Mission Parish of the Reformed Episcopal Church

Isn't liturgical worship insincere, mechanical, non-Protestant, and therefore vain worship? (Part 2)

Liturgical worship in the form of pre-composed prayers, orthodox creeds, canticles of praise, and antiphonal responses take up where hymns and scripture songs leave off. They provide the opportunity for all in attendance to fulfill their priestly function of praise and prayer before the throne of God.

Worshippers use the liturgy as a tool to fully participate in all aspects of the worship service. And while it is most certainly true that the liturgy can never and should never replace the sermon, neither can the sermon ever adequately substitute for the congregation's call to pray in agreement and in unison as a priesthood of believers.

A liturgical format serves to maintain a certain level of integrity in worship by providing rich Biblical

content along with a logical structure. Like hymns, the liturgy provides a theological grid and context by which to better understand and interpret the Scriptures. As long as the Church remains committed to the inerrancy and authority of the Scriptures, the liturgy will serve to guide and instruct participants in Biblical truth while they are in the very act of worship.

Children in particular benefit from the continual use of liturgical prayer. The liturgy serves to reinforce the basic truths taught at home and in Church. By becoming familiar with the liturgy, they also learn a great deal about the nature and substance of prayer which will eventually help in the formation of their own personal and individual prayers.



Sunday Services:

Morning Prayer – 9:00 AM

Worship – 10:30 AM

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