

Worship is...Life Changing

Romans 12:1-2

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Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Worship—not true worship if does not include life change and transformation.

Holy Baptism, three forms,

1. **Sprinkling** symbolic of Old Testament cleansing used blood, oil, and water.
Numbers 8:7, Ezek. 35:36, Hebrews 10:22
2. **Immersion symbolic of death, burial, and resurrection.**
Romans 6:4, Raised to new life.
3. **Pouring** symbolic of the outpouring of Holy Spirit, Jesus Baptism
Joel 2:28, Matthew 3:16, Acts 2

Which form is United Methodist? _____

“There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.
—Ephesians 4:4-6

Worship is...

1. Life Changing—sins forgiven

“Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty.” Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.”
—Isaiah 6:5-7

Baptism connection, symbolism of ***Sprinkling***: We are declared clean, cleansed.
Sins washed away. Also, Immersion symbolic of a ritual bath.

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We encounter Jesus Christ, we see our need, and we receive the grace of God in Christ.

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2. Life Changing—new life, bondages broken

Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, “Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?”

—John 4:28-29

Baptism Connection, symbolism of Immersion: We are raised to newness of life.
The Christian life is a resurrected life.

Worship is...

3. Life Changing—empowered for service

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

—Acts 1:8

“After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.”

—Acts 4:31

Baptism connection, symbolism of Pouring: The outpouring of God’s Spirit.

Testimony_____

Memory verse:

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—Romans 12:2

Be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

NEED TRANSFORMATION TODAY?

- Are your sins forgiven?
- Have you been set free, are you being set free to life the resurrected life?
- Have you received power for service? Ministry? To Witness?