

## Some Things You Might Do

*While waiting for worship to begin*

1. With pieces of paper, mark the hymns to be sung. Read the words carefully.
2. Mark the scripture readings so you can find them quickly.
3. Think of the things you want to pray about in the Prayers of the People.
4. Mark a star\* for times everyone stands up.

*While the sermon is being given*

5. Draw a circle around anything in the bulletin you don't understand. Ask about it after the service.
6. Put a tick by the parts you want to talk about.
7. Draw a picture of the readings.

## Why Do Christians Gather to Worship Together on Sunday?

Sunday is the first day of the week, the day that the women discovered the empty tomb and knew that Jesus had risen from death. Every Sunday is like a little celebration of the good news of Easter. The holy day for Jewish people is Saturday. For Muslims it is Friday. Sunday is the day of celebration and worship for Christians, Jesus' followers.

# Children, Welcome to Worship!



On Sunday the **whole church family** gathers to worship together.

**Worship** is a way of being with God. Sometimes we speak, sometimes we listen, sometimes we do certain things.

We hope this folder helps you understand what's happening so **you** can join in our worship!



Each Sunday we receive an Order of Service bulletin which tells what will happen. Here is one order of worship. Yours may be a little different from this pamphlet.  
Can you find these parts in your Order of Service?

## Gathering and Praise

*Gathering and getting ready to hear God's message*

**Call to Worship:** The leader invites us to worship God. *(Check your Order of Service to see if the people have any words to say.)*

**Hymn of Praise:** A song about how good and great God is.

**Prayer:** This may be a **Prayer of Approach** to remind us that God is with us. It may be a **Prayer of Confession** when we say we are sorry for things we have said or done that hurt others. **The Assurance of Pardon** tells us that God forgives us.



## The Word

*We listen for God's message*

**Scripture:** Readings from the Bible. *(If you have a Bible, find the place and read along. Sometimes the words are a bit different.)*

**Sermon:** A minister explains what the scripture reading means for us in our lives. *(If you find it hard to listen, see the box on the last page for some things you might do.)*

**Hymn:** This song usually has the same idea as the scripture and sermon. Can you tell if it does?



## Sacrament

**Sacraments:** actions by which we praise, listen, and respond to God. Baptism and Communion (also called Eucharist) are ways in which we experience God's love and grow as Christians. Ask your minister or priest about the meaning of the water used in Baptism and the bread and wine (or fruit juice) used in Communion.

## Our Response

*We answer by showing that we want to live God's way*



**Offering:** We bring our gifts to God. These gifts may be a friendly smile, a helping hand, or the money we give to help the church do God's work. The **Doxology** is a song praising God for all good things.

**Prayers of the People:** We pray about our concerns for the world, each other, and ourselves. We may end by singing or saying –



**The Lord's Prayer:** Jesus taught his followers this prayer. Christians all around the world say this prayer in their own languages.



**Hymn:** Which words in this song help you live God's way?

**Benediction and Commissioning:** Benediction means "good words." It is a blessing on us as we leave. Then we are sent out into the world to be a blessing to others.



**Choral Amen:** "Amen" means "Yes" or "so be it." It is a way of saying we agree with what we have done in this worship service.

