

How to make it YOUR Worship Service

To often worship services are seen as a play in a theater. The clergy and choir are up front. They put on a performance for the audience we call the congregation. With this perspective, the clergy and choir are judged.

Søren Kierkegaard(1) challenged this idea by suggesting that in the drama of worship the congregation is on the stage with the worship leaders and choir in the wings as prompters. And yes, you guessed it - God is the audience. To be sure, God is not a passive observer in worship. To see it this way would be to go to the opposite extreme. Worship is our encounter with God. However, since our places of worship are too often set up like a theater, Kierkegaard's point is well taken.

Thus, we are seeking those with the gift of reading in front of people to prompt us in worship by reading the Responsive Reading and the Scripture Lesson. With a large pool of people, any one person will only read a few times a year. We will mail you a copy of the Scripture Lesson and Responsive Reading early in the week so you can be prepared.

If you are interested, please give your name, address and which worship you attend to the church office in person, by mail, or by telephone. Thanks!

Søren Kierkegaard, Purity of Heart, pp. 180-51 (SV X1114-15); reprinted in Parables of Kierkegaard, Thomas C. Oden, ed.

YES, I'm interested in participating in the

9 am

10:15 am

Worship service readings!

Name:

Address: