# FOUR-FOLD ORDER OF WORSHIP
## *Pattern Designed to Lead Us Deeper Into The Transforming Presence Of God*

### The Gathering—We Enter into God's Presence

**Greeting** one another in love
**Announcements**
**Prelude**--prepares us for worship.  Meditation, acolyte's service.
[**Choral Introit**]—according to ninth-century allegorical interpretation of worship, the choral introit
    is an indication that the saints and all the company of heaven have in the house, so to speak
**Call to Worship**—God's call and our response
**Hymn of Praise**—in God's presence, we praise!
**Call to Confession**—God calls us to confession with promise of mercy
**Confession of Sin**—we confess our sin and ask for forgiveness
**Assurance of Pardon**—we are assured of God's pardon through Jesus Christ
**Response of Thanksgiving**—we respond to the good news of God's grace
[**Peace**]—we greet all as forgiven sinners, recognizing Christ present in one another

### The Word—We Listen to God's Word

**Prayer for Illlumination**—an invocation of God's Spirit to enliven all our words about God,
    including scripture
**Scripture readings**, which can include **singing the psalm**—In Holy Spirit God continues to speak to
    us
[**Children's sermon** with **travel music**]
[**Anthem**]—if done here it is to be a singing of the good news God communicates to us
**Sermon**—an explication and invitation to get in on the redemptive activity of God happening now
    through Christ

### Our Response to the Word

**Hymn of Consecration**—we commit ourselves anew to God's Way
**Confession/Affirmation of Faith** {**Creed**, Baptism, Reception of New Members}
**Prayers of the People**
[**Minute for Mission, Announcements**]
**Offering** with **Offertory** or **Choral Anthem**
**Prayer of Thanksgiving/Consecration OR Great Prayer of Thankgiving** into
[**Communion** with **music**]
**Closing Hymn**

### Sending Out into World
#### to Continue Worship in Christian Living as Witnesses for Christ

**Charge**—we are given our marching orders as we're sent out into the world
**Benediction**—we go in the blessing of God
**Postlude**—we go back into the world through the threshold of music