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The Lord Is Our Salvation

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Turning to the Gospels, James Bryan Smith invites you to compare your ideas about God with what Jesus himself reveals about his Father. Smith leads you through a process of spiritual formation that includes specific activities aimed at making these new narratives real in your body and soul as well as your mind.

The United Methodist Book of Worship

With its question-and-answer format, and clear, jargon-free writing, this volume is an excellent resource for learning about the United Methodist Church. F. Belton Joyner Jr., a veteran pastor and popular author, introduces the reader to key United Methodist beliefs and practices through seventy-eight questions and answers.

Find Your Place in God's Mission

Left Behind and Loving It is a cheeky critique of popular writings about the end times. Rather than presenting a steroid-buffed Jesus wrapped in an American flag and "coming again in clouds of gunfire," Left Behind and Loving It invites readers to approach some of the most controversial and scary portions of the Scriptures with the utter confidence that "God's steadfast love endures forever." Rather than asserting a hope premised on a few chosen ones escaping the world, Left Behind and Loving It argues that if it is Jesus who is to return (and not his evil twin), then

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the second coming has redemption written all over it. Many today cannot accept the escapist, violent, end-of-the-world scenario envisioned by "Left Behind" theology. Left Behind and Loving It invites readers not to fear but to trust in God's steadfast love and look at the finitude of the world with hope in an infinitely loving God.

Letters from the Farm

This edition includes the definitive list of RCL citations together with a new comprehensive introduction and notes to the reading sets, illuminating the origin and development of the lectionary that is explored weekly by thousands of preachers, worship leaders, and students of scripture.

The Good and Beautiful God

Everybody talks about the worship, but nobody does anything about it. The well-known quote associated with Mark Twain actually goes like this—Everybody talks about the weather But changing it to "worship" seems appropriate. With Worship Essentials, Dove Award-winning worship leader Mike Harland helps leaders do something about it. Perhaps no subject about church generates more opinion and passion than worship. Walk with the typical church-going family on their way to the

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car after the service and just listen. Everybody really does talk about worship. Now, veteran worship leader and experienced ministry coach Mike Harland offers the tools worship leaders need to build biblically-faithful and effective worship ministries without bringing the disruption that often accompanies change. Psalm 67:5 reads, "Let the peoples praise you, God, let all the peoples praise you." Worship Essentials is here to help.

A Guide to Prayer for All God's People

Though they are regularly used in both Protestant and Roman Catholic congregations, the books of the Apocrypha are difficult to find in affordable English Bibles today--until now Readers will enjoy the NRSV's contemporary, literal translation and the easy-to-read text. Churches that reference the Apocrypha in liturgy and worship will appreciate the quality and price of these outstanding editions for presentation, and outreach. Gift & Award Bible - A great way to honor special achievements--at a budget-conscious price - A spectrum of attractive colors--black, burgundy, blue, royal purple, dark green, and white--suit any occasion. - Imitation leather, 1,120 pages, 5 1/2 x 8 1/2 inches - Readable 9-point type - Color maps and presentation page Other NRSV award Bibles on the market may look good but aren't designed to be regularly read. This handsome award Bible will withstand heavy use, thanks to its better quality paper and supple but sturdy cover material. Shipped with an attractive four-color half-wrap and shrink-

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wrap. About the Translation Translated by a multi-denominational committee, and based on the original Hebrew, Greek, and Aramaic, the New Revised Standard Version is widely used by English-speaking congregations throughout the world. About the Apocrypha The Apocrypha is a collection of books found in the Septuagint--the Greek version of the Jewish Bible. Though not incorporated into the final, canonical version of the Hebrew scriptures, it was included in important Bible translations such as the Latin Vulgate and the original King James Version of 1611. For centuries the books of the Apocrypha have had a significant influence on Christian art, literature, and theology.

Prayers of the People

An all-in-one resource that helps both the music director and pastor plan the worship services for each Sunday and holy day of the year, the United Methodist Music and Worship Planner 2014-2015; is lectionary based and places at one's fingertips a calendar format that helps plan the entire choir year from September through August, reproducible worship planning forms, suggestions for prayers, solos, anthems, visuals, and much more. Also included is the complete lectionary text of the Old Testament, Psalm, Epistle, and Gospel readings, using Common English Bible translation.

The United Methodist Book of Worship Pastor's Pocket Edition

This helpful United Methodist denominational book of liturgy, prayer, services and service music is indispensable for pastors, musicians, and laypersons that plan and lead worship. Arranged according to the Christian year, this resource enables worship leaders to locate prayers, services, and information quickly. Updated information and new formats insure ease of use, making this a great resource when planning worship.. It features: A vast collection of worship material: services, liturgies, litanies, prayers, blessings, music, and other acts of worship and praise. Thousands of references to The United Methodist Hymnal, including suggested hymns for a host of worship occasions. Resources for special Sundays and other days of churchwide emphasis. New Christian Years Services Services for various occasions including: Presentation of Bibles to Children An Order of Farewell to Pastor Orders of Installation or Recognition Orders of Daily Praise and Prayer Updates include: Membership vows, baptismal covenant, diaconal changes, and other updates made as a result of General Conference action. Calendar for dating Easter and related holy days—extend beyond 2020. Chart of lectionary years on page 227--update and extend. Current version of ordinal. eBook Edition allows you download a digital file of full text of The Book of Worship to your eReader for personal use.

The United Methodist Music & Worship Planner 2015-2016

Becca Stevens, best-selling author, high-profile social activist and one of the premiere preachers in the U.S., extolls the power of love in this new collection of essays intended for everyone from church leaders to seekers. “Love is my grounding,” says Becca Stevens. “It provides the axioms that inform and govern what I do. First is that love is the most powerful source for social change in the world. Second is that love heals. I’m not called to change the world. I am called to love it.” “All spiritual paths can be walked more gracefully by avoiding the pitfall of disillusionment and not getting distracted by the bright lights of ego that have led countless priests far afield. Following simple road signs like courage, humility, forgiveness, compassion, and faithfulness that others have put at the crossroads for me has made the work possible and left me grateful. I want to pass along through these letters a tradition of a priesthood that is grounded in the idea that love heals and healing is the central-most sacrament of the church.”

Accidental Preacher

The United Methodist Music and Worship Planner

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Deluxe volume of liturgical prayers that tie sacrament and Word together theologically This unique resource for ministers and worship planners provides a beautifully crafted Eucharistic prayer for each of the 156 Sundays, of the three-year Revised Common Lectionary cycle, also including major feast days. Samuel Wells and Abigail Kocher begin their book with a helpful introduction that guides the reader through good ways to make the Eucharistic prayer a thrilling congregational highlight. Too often, they say, what should be the most dynamic moment of a congregation's liturgical life becomes a low-energy, low-engagement event. Closely tying the sacramental rite to the words of Scripture for the day, these theologically appropriate, pastorally fitting, and linguistically satisfying prayers change the Great Thanksgiving from a lull in the liturgy to a focused, fresh, and engaged moment for the congregation.

Worship Ways

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English Bible translation.

Calendar

Each year a billion dollars is spent on church buildings in the United States. Yet there is no authoritative book available to guide building committees, ministers, and others responsible for new churches in the theological implications of their work. Dr. White explores the theological and historical considerations relevant to building for Protestant worship. Surprisingly, these are often ignored by building committees, usually with disastrous results. His approach is highly original, especially in his theological treatment of worship; yet his book is also a operative in the largest sense, in that it relates theology to practice. Professor White begins with a critical analysis of contemporary concepts of Protestant worship and then defines the liturgical factors in church design. Following this, there are four chapters giving an historical account of various experiments from the third century to the present. This section indicates the tremendous variety of possibilities open to the church builder, many of which have been ignored too long. A final chapter deals with emotive factors - all vitally relevant to the architect: choir, liturgical art, and style. The opportunity to design a new church building occurs only once or twice in each generation of church members. It is all the more important that it be done carefully since the building will continue to affect the life of the congregation for many years. Until fundamental questions as to what the Church is and what the

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Church does in worship are raised, a congregation is not prepared to build. This book will help churches find the answers. The 155-item bibliography should be of value to many since a recent extensive bibliography on Protestant church architecture does not exist. This book also contains 60 diagrams of experiments in plan garnered from nearly 2000 years of history.

Gift and Award Bible-NRSV-Apocrypha

A probing but clearly written book, Calendar will find an appreciative audience beyond academia and clergy to the laity of the church: choirs and their directors, worship planners, adult study groups, and others who want to understand better the church's times of preparation and celebration. Calendar centers largely on theological meaning and parish practice in relation to liturgical time. Deliberately, almost no attention is given to detailed historical development, much of which is exceedingly complex in its origins and technical in its detail. An appendix entitled "Forgetting What You Were Always Taught (Or, This Book in a Nutshell)" aptly describes the radical reordering that Stookey believes occurs when our understanding of time and the story of Jesus takes its bearings from the Incarnation. So, just as the Christian week begins with Sunday, the day of Resurrection, Stookey follows the Christian year beginning with the season of Easter, and only then Lent; Christmas, then Advent. Illuminating discussions of Ordinary and Extraordinary Time, and the Sanctoral Cycle follow.

The Revised Common Lectionary

After twenty years as a successful pastor, Laurie Haller was burned out. A Lilly Endowment grant gave her a rare opportunity to take a sabbatical from ministry and family to evaluate her ministry and life. Recess brings readers along as she travels from Michigan to Montana, South Carolina to France. The journey is equally introspective. Each page discloses her thoughts, prayers and passions. Ultimately Recess challenges us all to find a better balance between work and play, physical and spiritual health.

Left Behind and Loving It

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Integral Meditation

The New Handbook of the Christian Year: Second Edition, by Hoyt L. Hickman, Don E. Saliers, Laurence Hull Stookey, and James F. White. Lectionary, prayers, responses, and Communion services updated for consistency with books of worship from several denominations. Includes: glossary of Christian symbols, glossary of liturgical terms, annotated bibliography, index of Scripture readings, index of Psalms, and an ecumenical service for the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

United Methodist Questions, United Methodist Answers

The Lord is Our Salvation invites us to explore God's saving and redeeming love through a study of the scripture readings for Lent and Easter. Key Bible readings call us to praise God as we contemplate the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Through the readings, we hear the call to celebrate God's salvation and new life offered through Jesus Christ. The season of Lent offers opportunities to reflect on God's redemptive action and to explore means of grace that help us experience transformation, a key focus of Lenten worship, study, and prayer. The Lord is Our Salvation is based upon the Revised Common Lectionary scriptures for year B of the church year, a three-year cycle of Bible readings. The study includes commentary and reflection on readings from the Old Testament, the Gospels, and

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the Epistles. It offers the opportunity to explore these Bible readings in a seven-session study. It will help participants understand, appreciate, and engage in meaningful and life-changing spiritual practices. The study book includes a leader guide with information about the season of Lent, suggestions for starting and leading small groups, Bible background, and discussion activities.

The Africana Worship Book

Recess

The Africana Worship Book, Year C, contains new calls to worship, liturgies, prayers, litanies, offertory prayers, doxologies, choral readings, creeds, chants and benedictions. The compilations are related to Year C of the Revised Common Lectionary. This volume invites the whole church to become open to the fresh movements of God in the midst of corporate worship. Included with book is a bound-in CD, making it easy for congregations to reproduce the material for use in worship.

Angels, Mysteries, and Miracles:

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In his exciting new book, bestselling author Dr. Tony Evans shows that it's through the names of God that the nature of God is revealed to us. Who is God in His fullness? How has He expressed His riches and righteousness? How can you trust His goodness? As you get to know the names of God and understand their meaning, God's character will become real to you in life-changing ways. You will explore the depths of God as Elohim: The All-Powerful Creator Jehovah: The Self-Revealing One Adonai: The Owner of All Jehovah-Jireh: The Lord Who Provides El Shaddai: The Almighty Sufficient One El Elion: The Most High Ruler Jehovah Nissi: The Lord's Banner of Victory Jehovah Shalom: The Lord Our Peace Jehovah Mekadesh: The Lord Who Sanctifies Jehovah Rophe: The Lord Who Heals Jehovah Tsikenu: The Lord My Righteousness Jehovah Robi: The Lord My Shepherd Immanuel: God With Us By studying and understanding the characteristics of God as revealed through His names, you will be better equipped to face hardship and victory, loss and provision, and all of the challenges life throws at you.

The Power of God's Names

The primary task of the Christian life is to respond to God's gracious initiative by loving God and our neighbor, that is, the people God puts in our path. The sacraments help us do that. They hold up a vision of new life, and they make that life possible. This book discusses how such sacramental grace comes to us and how we might open ourselves to it in a more complete way. It emphasizes the work

of God's grace, yet insists that there is a human side of the covenant, the work of receiving grace. Dr. Stamm helps us discover once again that to talk about the sacraments is to talk about the entirety of human life and Christian discipleship.

The New Handbook of the Christian Year

"Who is missing?" Mark Stamm asserts that this a a question the church should ask every time its members gather around the Lord's Table. He reminds readers that "participation in the Lord's Supper is not a ritual that we perform as isolated individuals, rather we do it with the whole church in mind, even those who cannot attend." In *Extending the Table*, Stamm discusses historical, theological, and pastoral questions surrounding the subject of home communion serving to support participants in understanding and appreciating the significance of this ministry. While Stamm consistently presents information that reminds readers of the importance of "extending the table," he also addressed questions and concerns that arise in serious discussions of celebrating this sacrament outside church walls. Ultimately, Stamm suggest a model for home communion ministry that takes into account scriptural teachings, historical understanding, and spiritual needs.

Music and the Generosity of God

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There is a tendency among modern Christians to avoid comment on the idea of miracles or mysterious events that might indicate the direct intervention of God. There is an even more pronounced belief that modern liberal or progressive Christians will avoid these ideas. A God who is distant, the source of everything, is acceptable, but the idea of supernatural activity is embarrassing at best. There is virtually no room for theological discussions of angels, demons, and paranormal experiences. Bruce Epperly is a process theologian and a leading thinker in progressive Christian theology, and he believes we need to take another look at God and God's involvement in the universe in which we live. Rather than finding ways to defend the intrusive interventions of a distant, supernatural God in the traditional sense of the word "miracle," Bruce sees God as closer; so close, in fact, that God is part of all events. God providentially acts in all things, not in terms of outside intervention, but through ongoing natural interactions that change our lives and the world. Join Dr. Bruce Epperly as he explores a world of wonders in which is God uncomfortably and comfortingly, subtly and actively present.

Prepare! 2016-2017

A three-year pattern of lectionary readings has come into widespread use over the past generation within many churches. Since its release in 1992 the three-year Revised Common Lectionary has had a significant influence ecumenically on worship and its preparation. Now the ecumenical consultation responsible for the

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Revised Common Lectionary is releasing a set of proposed prayers specifically designed for use with the calendar of readings in the RCL. The Consultation on Common Texts sought to prepare a truly ecumenical set of prayers that represent the full spectrum of Christian tradition in all its diverse richness.

Revised Common Lectionary Prayers

Based on the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL), Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year B, Volume 1 provides liturgical pieces used in preparing for worship. Written and compiled by an ecumenical team of 11 seasoned liturgy writers, this resource offers a multitude of poetic prayers and responsive readings for all parts of worship and is meant to complement existing denominational resources. In addition, the weekly entries include questions for reflection and household prayers for morning and evening that are drawn from the lectionary, allowing churches to include them in their bulletin for parishioners to use throughout the week. During times of the year when two different tracks of Old Testament texts are offered by the RCL, this resource offers an entire set of materials for each track. Also, a CD-ROM is included with each volume that enables planners to easily cut and paste relevant readings, prayers, and questions into worship bulletins. Liturgy writers include the following: * Kimberly L. Clayton, Director of Contextual Education, Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Georgia; Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) * David Gambrell, Associate for Worship in

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the Office of Theology and Worship, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Louisville, Kentucky; Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) * Daniel M. Geslin, Pastor, Sixth Avenue United Church of Christ, Denver, Colorado; United Church of Christ * Kimberly Bracken Long, Associate Professor of Worship, Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Georgia; Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) * L. Edward Phillips, Associate Professor of Worship and Liturgical Theology, Candler School of Theology, Atlanta, Georgia; United Methodist Church * Melinda Quivik, Liturgical Scholar, Houghton, Michigan; Evangelical Lutheran Church in America * Carol L. Wade, Dean of Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington, Kentucky; Episcopal Church

Worship Essentials

A step-by-step guide for hearing and claiming God's calling for your life. For students, youth and young adult pastors, counselors, chaplains, and campus ministers to help students find clarity about how God has uniquely gifted them to participate in God's ongoing mission for the sake of the world. T

Pastoral Music

Bloggers and other invited writers from around the world contribute to this creative conversation about the weekly lectionary through commentary, stories, biblical

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study, liturgical resources, and more. Jenee Woodard, creator and editor of the immensely popular lectionary research site, The Text This Week, curates the conversation and adds insights of her own, including a list of the best online resources for sermon preparation. The Abingdon Creative Preaching Annual remains among the highest quality preaching resources available, ensuring that pastors can quickly find relevant material for their sermons.

The Abingdon Creative Preaching Annual 2015

Feasting on the Word Worship Companion

The lively, inspiring memoir of an eminent Christian preacher and leader In this book one of today's best-known Christian leaders recounts—with his signature wit and humor—memorable moments from his rich and full preaching life. A personal and vocational memoir, Will Willimon's *Accidental Preacher* portrays the adventure of a life caught up in the purposes of a God who calls unlikely people to engage in work greater than themselves. Beginning with his childhood in a segregated South and moving through his student years, Willimon gives candid, inspiring, and humorous testimony to his experiences as a seminary professor, rural pastor, globe-trotting preacher, bishop, and popular theologian and writer. Above all, he

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shows how God has constantly had a call on his life. By turns poignant, hilarious, and thought-provoking—but always irresistibly engaging—Accidental Preacher is sure to join the well-remembered, classic memoir of our time.

Extending the Table

What if sounds everywhere lavish divine generosity? Merging insights from Jean-Luc Marion with musical ingenuity from Pierre Boulez and John Cage's 4'33", Gerald C. Liu blends the phenomenological, theological, and musical to formulate a hypothesis that in all places, soundscapes instantiate divine giving without boundary. He aims to widen apprehension of holiness in the world, and privileges the ubiquity of sound as a limitless and easily accessible portal for discovering the inexhaustible magnitude of divine giving.

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Reckless Love

The Upper Room Disciplines 2015 is a devotional guide for Christians who want to delve deeper into scripture and apply it to their daily lives. Fifty-three writers from diverse Christian backgrounds share messages of hope, challenge, and joy. Each daily reading includes a focal scripture passage from the Revised Common Lectionary, a meditation related to the scripture, and a prayer or suggestion for reflection. Writers for 2015 include Trevor Hudson, Marjorie Hewitt Suchoki, Michael W. Waters, Eileen Campbell-Reed, Paul Lynd Escamilla, J. Dana Trent, James Howell, Kristen Vincent, Thomas Thangaraj, and more.

Home for Christmas

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A compilation of scripture, prayers, and spiritual readings, this inexhaustible resource contains thematically arranged material for each week of the year and for monthly personal retreats. Its contents have made it a sought-after desk reference, a valuable library resource, and a cherished companion. Includes excerpts from such writers as Thomas Merton, Henri Nouwen, Carlo Carretto, Evelyn Underhill, Albert Schweitzer, Eugene Peterson, Esther de Waal, Thérèse of Lisieux, and many others. 1. Second in the series. 2. Uses Common Lectionary 3. Daily arrangement is as follows: Invocation, Psalm, Reading and Reflection, Daily Scripture Reading, Reflection (silent and written), Prayers (for church, others, self), Hymn, and Benediction 4. The "Readings for Reflection" reach back to early Christian classics and include voices from contemporary spiritual writing.

Eucharistic Prayers

An all-in-one resource that helps both the music director and pastor plan the worship services for each Sunday and holy day of the year, the 2016-2017 edition of Prepare! is lectionary based and places at your fingertips: Calendar format that helps you plan the entire choir year, from September through August. Eight or more suggested hymns for each service keyed to 16 hymnals from at least 7 different denominations, including: Africana Hymnal, The Baptist Hymnal, The Chalice Hymnal (Disciples of Christ), The Faith We Sing, Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal, The Hymnal 1982(Episcopal), Hymns for the Family of God,

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Lutheran Book of Worship, The Presbyterian Hymnal, The New Century Hymnal (United Church of Christ), Renew! Songs and Hymns for Blended Worship, Songs for Praise and Worship Singalong Edition, The United Methodist Hymnal, Voices United, Worship & Song, and Worship III (Roman Catholic). Complete lectionary text of the Old Testament, Psalm, Epistle, and Gospel readings, using the Common English Bible translation. Reproducible worship planning forms. Resources for holidays and special days. Suggestions for prayers, solos, anthems, visuals, and much more.

Sacraments & Discipleship

Home for Christmas brings inspiring stories of hope and second chances into the Advent season. Author and pastor Justin Coleman matches real life stories of struggle and triumph to the Advent themes of hope, love, joy, and peace to show how the light of Christmas shines brightly even in hard times. Each chapter lifts up a scripture reflection alongside tales of men and women who reflect on the Advent themes with love and longing. Throughout each of the four chapters and the accompanying DVD for a small-group experience, Coleman captures the stories of formerly incarcerated men and women as they find work and opportunity through Homeboy Industries in Los Angeles, California. These men and women share their holiday memories and experiences in light of the hope and new life they've experienced at Homeboy. Forward by Father Gregory Boyle. Additional

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components for this four-week study include a comprehensive Leader Guide and a DVD featuring author and pastor Justin Coleman.

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Scripture Notes

How did Jesus teach the Greatest Commandment to his disciples? In his latest book *Reckless Love*, author and Pastor Tom Berlin writes that Jesus taught them to love neighbor first as a way to more deeply love God. In his exploration of Jesus' teaching and travels with his disciples, Berlin suggests that Jesus teaches us how to love God with heart, soul, mind, and strength by showing us how to love our neighbor. While many hope to learn to be better family, friends, leaders, neighbors

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but finding a deeper relationship with God, what if becoming a better neighbor leads you to that deeper love of God. In *Reckless Love*, you will see the ways Jesus' care for others disrupted the way his disciples thought and acted so deeply that they learned love God fully and join Jesus mission to share the good news unambiguously. In so doing, you will have the opportunity to consider your life, and learn how loving the people around you will completely renew your faith and give you a new experience of loving God. Additional components for a six-week study include a DVD featuring Tom Berlin and a comprehensive Leader Guide.

The Upper Room Disciplines 2015

Accelerating diversity of lifestyles has created a crisis for worship designers. One size does not fit all. No worship service can be “blended” to address the complete needs of a congregation. Moreover, church “shopping” is ending as people are choosing a worship service that directly meets their fundamental anxieties about life (regardless of style). Learn to use lifestyle information in worship planning to design a service that truly reaches the people in your community. This book explains why people worship and guides leaders to design relevant worship services that address people's sense of urgency. It is both practical and theological. The decline of worship attendance in all denominations, and across all “traditional” or “contemporary” styles, is reshaping the quest for relevance. Church leaders are turning away from methods to outcomes. People will only

participate in worship if it really matters to the fundamental issues that they face.

Protestant Worship and Church Architecture

Prepare to encounter your mind in a radically new way as Ken Wilber introduces Integral Mindfulness, a meditative approach based on Integral Theory and Practice. This leading-edge technique combines, for the first time in history, the ancient paths of meditation and mindfulness—or Waking Up—with modern research into psychological development and human evolution—Growing Up—resulting in a complete and powerfully effective method of personal transformation. Integral Meditation focuses attention on the inner "maps" we use to navigate life—in relationships, at work and study, in play, in just about everything we do. Mindfulness is used to unearth these unconscious maps, then uproot them so that we can substitute happier and healthier perspectives. With experiential exercises, guided meditation instructions, and tools to identify the individual's own greatest potential, this book points the way to realizing our Supreme Identity—and to finding the reason why each of us has come into being: to embody and express in the world our unique perspective of Spirit.

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