

That was Then, This is Now

The Evolution of Worship in
The United Methodist Church

Order of Worship

1910

- Entrance
 - Call to Worship
 - Invocation
 - Congregational singing
 - 2 to 3 hymns chosen by congregation

2010

- Entrance
 - Prelude/Choral Introit
 - Processional Hymn
 - Call to Worship

Order of Worship

1910

- Preparation
 - Collect
 - Confession, Pardon (Words of Assurance)
 - Two-to-three minutes of silence for personal prayer
 - Psalter
 - Passing of the Peace (blessing)

2010

- Preparation
 - Opening Prayer (unison)
 - Children's Time
 - Passing of the Peace (greeting)
 - Choral Anthem

Order of Worship

1910

- Prayers
 - Prayers of the People (congregants pray)
 - Lord's Prayer
 - Gloria Patri
 - Personal Testimonies
 - Prayer of Thanksgiving

2010

- Prayers
 - Joys and Concerns
 - Pastoral Prayer

Order of Worship

1910

- Proclamation & Response
 - Prayer for Illumination
 - Scripture Readings (OT, Epistle, Gospel)
 - Sermon/Homily
 - Invitation to Discipleship w/congregational commitments
 - Hymn
 - Creed

2010

- Proclamation & Response
 - Scripture Reading
 - Sermon/Homily
 - Hymn

Order of Worship

1910

- Offertory
 - Presentation of elements
 - Receiving gifts (brought to the altar)
 - Doxology
 - Prayer of Dedication

2010

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 - Receiving gifts (collected in pews)
 - Choral anthem
 - Doxology
 - Prayer of Dedication

Order of Worship

1910

- **Communion**
 - Invitation
 - Great Thanksgiving
 - Consecration of elements
 - Sharing elements
 - Prayer of Thanksgiving
 - Hymn of Celebration/Thanksgiving

2010

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Order of Worship

1910

- Blessing/Sending Forth
 - Benediction

2010

- Blessing/Sending Forth
 - Recessional Hymn
 - Benediction
 - Postlude

Order of Worship

1910

- Average length of service =
1 hour, 44 minutes
- Average number of different services each week = 2.65
- % of Membership in Attendance = 78%

2010

- Average length of service =
58 minutes
- Average number of different services each week = 1.1
- % of Membership in Attendance = 41%

The Changing Role of Music

- ◉ **Congregational singing**
- ◉ **Choirs**
- ◉ **Musicians**
- ◉ **Cultural language**
- ◉ **Professionalism**
- ◉ **Performance**

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Clement of Alexandria, circa 200 CE

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Isaac Watts, circa 1688

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