

Confirmation 2012-2013

Worship Observation and Reflection

Worship comes in many different forms, most commonly when we think of worship we think of the church gathering together on a Sunday morning for singing, prayer, scripture reading, and a sermon. We often times forget that worship is a verb, it is an action! "To worship means essentially to recognize, celebrate, and praise God's majesty; and, as a result, it also means to acknowledge our own sin and unworthiness before God. Thus, worship is above all recognition of God's majesty and grace." The Body of Christ, the church, gathers together to worship God, to recognize God's majesty and participate in the celebration of God's grace and love for us.

As a part of your confirmation class, you are expected to attend worship services at Nardin Park United Methodist Church and a service at one non-United Methodist Church. Please bring this sheet with you to the service, or fill it out as soon as you get home. Also, keep a copy of the bulletin and staple it to this sheet.

Worship at Nardin Park UMC 10am

Date: _____ Preacher: _____

Scripture: _____ Sermon Title: _____

What were the main points of the sermon?

Describe points you agreed with, disagreed with, or did not understand.

What does the scripture text mean to you today?

Did anything stand out to you, seem special, or out of the ordinary during the service?

Other Worship Experience (Not at a United Methodist Church)

Date: _____ Place of Worship: _____

Denomination/Religion: _____ Preacher/Speaker: _____

Why did you choose to worship here?

Scripture: _____ Sermon Title: _____

What were the main points of the sermon?

Describe points you agreed with, disagreed with, or did not understand.

What does the scripture text mean to you today?

What did you notice that is different in this worship service from Nardin Park? What did you notice that was similar, that you weren't expecting?

Did you feel welcomed into the worshipping community?

Was there a part of the worship service that you did not understand or not connect to?

Worship Discussion with Mentor

After you have attended a worship service at Nardin Park UMC and a worship service elsewhere, please discuss these questions with your mentor. Take some notes and turn this sheet in as well as the Worship and Observe sheet to Mandy.

1. What did you notice about the style and liturgy of the worship service at Nardin Park UMC?

2. How welcoming is our church? How do we greet visitors and make them feel welcome?

3. What similarities and differences did you notice between NPUMC and your other choice?

4. How can we at NPUMC improve our worship experience?

5. What is something that our church does well that other churches could do?

6. Other Thoughts?

Confirmant _____ Date _____

Mentor _____ Date _____