

# CELEBRATIONS IN GOD'S HOUSE

## A WORSHIP OUTLINE

### 1. Invocation

Like a knock on the door, it calls upon God's presence

### 2. Confession & Absolution or forgiveness

Historically, the Confession was expressed prior to entering the sanctuary. The Absolution is God's way of assuring us of God's acceptance, forgiveness and welcome embrace.

### 3. Hymn of Praise / Kyrie

Sometimes we compliment the Host upon our arrival and sometimes we ask for God's understanding and sensitivity about our lives.

### 4. Prayer of the Day

The conversation begins with our request for God to bless and guide us.

### 5. Scriptures and Sermon

We listen to what God has to say to us through the Bible and its interpretation.

### 6. Creed

This becomes our response to what based on what we have heard.

### 7. Salutations

Special greetings and gestures of kindness are shared

### 8. Offering

We offer our gifts and our selves as expressions of thanksgiving for all God has done for us.

### 9. Special Rites and Recognitions

There is a time for celebrating special occasions like Baptisms, Installations, Confirmations, & Reception of new members.

### 10. Preparing & Serving the Meal

We comment on the menu and its significance; sharing songs, stories, scripture and prayer. Finally, an invitation is extended to come when the meal is ready.

### 11. Benediction

God's blessing is extended and we are assured of God's Grace & presence.

### 12. Sending

Parting encouragement for faithful service as we go out into the world.