

Listening Meetings Question 4a: What components of a worship service are most important to you?

- See 4 b)—traditional elements
- 'community' of faith
- music
- Sermon is most important—should be understandable, relatable, Biblical
- Prayers
- Music—variety
- Sometimes too much music, goes on too long///
- All aspects of the service should be tied to sermon
- Children's message (could youth provide on occasion?)
- Prayer
- Preaching/message
- Sacraments
- Music—blend of modern/traditional; guest musicians; bells //
- Children's message—church is for kids, too //
- Glad to have the bulletin (order of worship) back
- Children's message (at all services)
- Spending time in prayer
- Variety of music (there is too much 'old' music)
- Easier to listen to pastors without YouTube distraction
- Shorter sermons make it easier to focus
- the music and sermons /
- having a lift of spirit to go into my week
- music, especially the organ, handbells, choir and singing of hymns. These all move one internally and intentionally. I find myself humming a hymn during good and bad times. And listening in my mind to the words. This brings me immense comfort and direction. I think music can be a great educator and bridge across all languages and cultures.
- Connecting people with each other and with a sense of the divine is most important, whatever we do. The 'halfway there' approach by worship leaders doesn't help Whatever components you use, whatever style of worship, just make sure your leadership of it feels authentic.