

#### Listening Meetings Question 4b: What is missing (from worship service)

- Traditional components (participate in 'the familiar' each week); the only thing now is 'The Lord's Prayer;' confession, reciting a creed, Gloria Patri, Doxology, Responsorial Song, Standard Service of Word and Table, calling God 'Father'
- I want more scripture reading (2-3/service)
- Greeting fellow congregants (before/during/after service)
- Pastors walking around the church greeting congregants before the service instead of sitting up on the chancel
- Need music leader during hymns
- Miss calls from ministers and church members (like during Covid)
- Attention—stopped giving for four months and no one called
- Tradition (Gloria Patri, Doxology, two scriptures, see 2B)
- Can't hear the Bells online
- Youth participation
- Taking collection in person during the service, it is a good visual (youth don't do checks or cash)
- Greeting time in the service—passing the peace//
- We have become VERY casual—no robes for pastors or choir
- Blend traditional with modern
- Praise groups
- Contemporary service
- Education between services (church-Sunday school-like experiences-church)
- Liturgy
- Standing for hymns ///
- When there are two services, there are not many people
- Muggings (publicly welcoming visitors, giving FUMC mugs)
- Greeting time in the service
- Name tags being worn
- Greeters
- Open doors (we HAVE to do something about locked doors) ///
- Liturgy—Gloria Patri, creeds, call to worship, doxology (maybe do occasionally or on Communion Sundays??)
- People in the pews
- Acolytes (developed relationships and shows children are included in worship)
- Formation—children learn what they see and experience
- Greeting people in pews—passing the peace
- Fellowship after each service every Sunday
- Newer Christian music (like we hear on the radio); videos or live music, both OK
- Children's choir
- Miss video additions to message
- Keep children/youth involved—sing, read, serve communion
- I don't think anything is missing except people to support the mission of the church
- The fellowship. I was pleased to see the pot luck ingo! I miss in-person attendance, but hope to get 'permission' to gather us together weekly here at Good Sam.
- Again, an emphasis on what the Bible says directly, and how we can know the triune God better and more personally. We need a revival in our community! We need to show people why it's important to put out the effort to go to church. The church is US! We need to join with others and go out and create disciples for Christ. We need to be God's shining light in a corrupt world.
- integration with the rest of the life of the church
- lots of interaction during worship in-person and online
- Thematic consistency each week

- Contextual rather than exegetical approaches to scripture (relevance and connection with our lives matters; 'doctrinally correct' interpretation actually diminishes worship's effectiveness).