

CALL TO WORSHIP

Good morning. It's often said that religion should feed people spiritually. But liturgical gastronomics has become a perplexingly complex business. These days the worship menu ranges from haute cuisine to fast food, from "no substitutions" to endlessly a la carte. Last week, we talked about worship as "worth-shaping" that gives form to our ultimate religious values. But it's a long way from there to the specifics of liturgy. Shall it be traditional music or modern? A high-energy service or a contemplative one? To clap or not to clap? As we ponder these and many other liturgical choices, in the back of the sanctuary, waiting to see what we will do, sits an elephantine question: to pray or not to pray? How do we order wisely from this proliferant array of menus? Aren't there any nutritional disclosures to guide us? Come, let us sit with these questions and decline to let the complexities overwhelm us. Come, let us worship together.