

Think of us in this way,
as servants of Christ
and stewards of
God's mysteries.



Wandering Worship

the gift of worship leadership by youth

in the Youth & Young Adult Ministries of the Vancouver South & Vancouver
Burrard Presbyteries of the United Church of Canada

Wondering What It's All About?

Wandering Worship is a congregational worship experience, created and led by United Church youth from our Vancouver South and Burrard Presbyteries' Youth Reps. The Worship itself has been part of our presbyteries' life for over 10 years now!

The Wandering Worship Team changes with each school year as membership within the Youth Council changes – each year a new group of youth come together to create a fresh, spiritually relevant, and inspiring service for the community worship of God that is an expression of their faith. In a workshop environment, the Wandering Worship Team learns about the components of a worship service and discusses the basics of United Church theology. From this foundation, the Team is invited into a reflection time to discern a theme fitting for a traveling worship service – a service that speaks to people of all ages, delivered by young voices.

The Wandering Schedule

From September of one year to June of the next, our Wandering Worship aim to visit 10-12 congregations within our Vancouver Presbyteries, approximating one Worship a month. There are over 40 pastoral charges in our two Presbyteries and we aim to visit them all at least once over a 4-year period. If your congregation hasn't seen us in a while, invite us to join you! We would love to be welcomed into your church home.

The Worship Format

The Wandering Worship Team creates a worship service full of song, prayer, scripture and a sermon reflection time that is flexible enough to embrace the individual traditions of each congregation we visit, yet brings a breath of fresh creativity and youth-filled spirit into your worship time. Once we book a Sunday to share our Worship with you, the YAYA Facilitator works with the congregation's worship leader to make sure all the pieces of the Wandering Worship fit as comfortably as possible with the congregation.

Compensation

The Wandering Worship Team expects absolutely no compensation or donation from the congregations we visit! Our Worship is our gift – a way of saying thank you for supporting Youth and Young Adult Ministry in Vancouver South and Burrard Presbyteries – while developing our own leadership skills and deepening our United Church connections. We do gratefully accept donations to our Youth & Young Adult Bursary Fund any time!

Some Nuts & Bolts

Music: We choose hymns that help to enliven our worship theme, but do not have a traveling musician. In plenty of time, we forward all of our hymn choices and any new song choices to your Music Director to learn and lead in the service. Any song choices not in Voices United are covered by our license with Lisensing.

Choir Anthems: We love to include your Choir's anthem!

Technology: We can use power point in leading our Worship, and come with all the necessary equipment (laptop, LCD projector, extension cords, etc). Even in the brightest of sanctuaries the screen is easy to read – and the Facilitator will come by to test the technology in the worship space ahead of time. If your church has an overhead projection screen we will use yours rather than tote ours along.

Contact and Scheduling Information

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