

Lay School of Religion

Spring Class 2024

“Worship & Liturgy”



for lay members of the church
interested in caring ministry

Class begins Tuesday, January 2, 2024 (6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.) VIA ZOOM
Remaining classes – Jan. 16 - Feb. 6 - Feb. 20 - Mar. 5 - Mar 19

Meet the instructor – The Rev. Fred Coulter

Rev. Coulter was ordained as a UCC minister in 1980. He was called as minister of Christian Education and Youth Programming. In 1985 and for nearly 10 years, he planned and lead Sunday worship services and special liturgy holidays. In 2002, Defiance College offered Dr. Coulter a tenured track faculty position in The Teacher Education Program. He served nine years as McMaster Scholar working with students and community partners in Cambodia. In 2008 Dr. Coulter was appointed the Director for Defiance College’s Center for Effective Teaching which included educational theory, effective teaching practices, using technology in the classroom, and online. In his final three years at Defiance College, he had a dual appointment including the Religion Department as the Schaufler Chair of Christian Education. Currently he is a member of The St. John UCC in Defiance.

LITURGY/WORSHIP

Christian *LITURGY* is a pattern for *WORSHIP* used (whether recommended or prescribed) by a Christian congregation or denomination on a regular basis.

The word *LITURGY* comes from a Greek term meaning “public work or work done on behalf of the people.” *LITURGY* always referred to an organized community. A work, then, done by an individual or a group was a *LITURGY* on behalf of the larger community. There are three aspects to Christian *LITURGY*: the celebration of divine *WORSHIP*, the proclamation of the Gospel, and active charity. These three aspects also summarize the mission of Christ.

GOALS OF THE CLASS

***Gain a basic understanding of the biblical foundations and history of Christian worship.

***Explore the meaning purpose of worship and liturgy in various church contexts in our contemporary moment.

***Experiment with the many elements of Christian worship by designing services for congregational and family use.



FOCUS OF CLASS

--empowering people to learn more about themselves, their faith, and apply what they have learned to their lives.



The NWOA Lay School of Religion is open to all lay members of the Association/Conference who wish to grow and be enriched, whether in their personal life, or for further opportunities to serve God.

Individuals may take a single class or complete the course of study to become a graduate of Lay School of Religion.

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