



## Megan Nickles: New Frontiers of Liturgy

### Open with Prayer:

God of heaven and earth, we gather in your presence.

Speak to us with grace and truth and pour out your love upon us.

May we come together in this time of learning and sharing as people of your Spirit.

We give you thanks, O God, for every blessing and spiritual gift you have given us.

May we use them to be a source of blessing in your world to the glory of your name. Amen.

### Watch Video pausing for discussion

*You are welcome to pause the video for discussion as you feel appropriate.*

*Some suggested stopping points are at timestamps 8:55, 21:50, and 35:42.*

*The following questions are suggestions for discussion.*

### **Memories**

Share your childhood memories of church.

### **Liturgy**

Liturgy is the ministry of community. How is this reflected in your church?

Is there anyone in your church that is left out of worship? How could you include them?

If it's "about the love y'all" what does that look like in your liturgy?

### **Transformation**

What deaths has your church faced? Where have you found joy in them?

"If you want to be a transformed people, you must transform your worship. If you want to transform your worship, you must be a transformed people." How does this statement speak to you? What do you feel when you think of transforming yourself and your worship?

How does the statement, "You need to change because life in a meaningful relationship with a loving God demands it", sit with you? What sorts of change is God demanding of you?

### **The New Frontier of Liturgy**

If you could take on any role in your church's liturgy, what would it be? What does your baptism call you to?

What does your church space say about you? If you were getting ready to sell your church, what would you change?

Did you know that you didn't have to do all of the lectionary readings? How do you feel about that?

How does your liturgy welcome visitors? How does it exclude them?

### **Worship**

Discuss what the language used in worship means to you. In what ways can it be revised and renewed and still be meaningful for you?

In what ways does your manner of worship change who you are when you are outside of your worship space?

What traditions and history are binding you and your church?

How are the laity empowered in worship in your church? How would you like to be?

Where does your church find hope, resurrection, and purpose?

Close with Prayer:

Good and Gracious God, we ask your Spirit of Truth to be with us as we leave this place of study and prayer. May our joys and hopes follow us and our adventuring continue to enlighten us, bringing us closer to you and to one another. Amen.