

**For all Pastors, Ruling Elders, Deacons, CRE/CLPs and other PCUSA Members**

## **What is the Work of the People? *An Exploration of Liturgy***



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**When:** *Thursday and Friday, March 10 and 11 – 7:30 to 9:30 pm (note time change)*  
*Saturday, March 12 – 9:00 to 11:30 am; 1:00 to 3:30 pm*

**Where:** *Zoom Class – Register on the links below:*

Thursday [https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUkde2urjgqEtE5Tn5sxxqV-xulcqSA\\_BFC](https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUkde2urjgqEtE5Tn5sxxqV-xulcqSA_BFC)

Friday <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcocOqhpzwtHdZowvckOCo4PZxunZ4Vklhk>

Saturday [https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUrf-qtrDoiHNGhle\\_uYM2dqq6iOm-YDkrW](https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUrf-qtrDoiHNGhle_uYM2dqq6iOm-YDkrW)

**Cost:** *\$100 for credit* for Commissioned Ruling Elder Candidates  
*\$40 to audit* and open to all

**Class Description:** The word “liturgy” comes from a Greek word that means “work for the people” or “public service”; in the Christian faith tradition, it is commonly used to describe the “work” of gathering as God’s people. However, the nature of such work has changed drastically over the last 2 years, and slowly over the last 20 years. Social, economic, and technological shifts have greatly influenced where, how, and for what purpose the Church has chosen to gather. As we consider these changes, our local and faith communities, and the tradition of faith that we have inherited, what might the work of the people look like? What work might we need to cease? What new work is on the horizon?

### **Pre-class Assignment/Readings:**

- Read the Directory for Worship (from the most current PC(USA) Book of Order). Name 3 things that capture your attention, and talk about why.
- CHOOSE 1 to listen to. As you listen, write a reflection on what it might mean for you as someone who creates and participates in liturgical gatherings.
  - Fuller Chapel:  
[https://open.spotify.com/episode/0m0UPauWOLhjA7th6RSf9p?si=zbF\\_vwwR8y8MjzOTfx08Q](https://open.spotify.com/episode/0m0UPauWOLhjA7th6RSf9p?si=zbF_vwwR8y8MjzOTfx08Q)
  - James K. A. Smith at Wheaton (2 videos in one playlist):  
<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PL4AGzcOfL0-8tTYECrb45JO0MaqZgooqO>

**Questions:** Contact Phil Arzino, CRE/CLP Coordinator, [pkarzino@comcast.net](mailto:pkarzino@comcast.net), 510-828-5596

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## Further information for CRE/CLP Students

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### Post-class assignment

Identify a liturgical gathering which you are or can be a part of planning. Take the reflections, readings, conversations, and information that intrigues you the most, and apply it to the planning and facilitation of that liturgical gathering. When the gathering is complete, write your reflections on what it was like to plan and facilitate this gathering.

### Some questions to consider:

- What reflections did you incorporate into your planning and facilitation of this liturgical gathering, and how did you incorporate them?
- What feedback did you receive about the gathering?
- What was it like for you to have the role that you had in this liturgical gathering?
- If and when you have this opportunity again, what elements would you keep the same? What elements would you change?
- How did you experience God's presence in any part of this process (planning, facilitation, feedback, debrief)?

\*PDF copies of the PCUSA Book of Order are available in the CRE/CLP student folder or upon request. You may also download a copy for free from <https://www.pcusastore.com/Products/OGA19010/book-of-order-20192023-download.aspx>