“A Biblical-Historical Order of Worship”
Martin Thielen in *No One Told Me!* (32-45)

**We gather to worship God.**

“scripture readings (especially from the psalms), responsive readings, hymns, choruses, solos, choral music, instrumental music, drama or multimedia presentations, intentional silence, dance, poetry, or handbells” (36).

**We listen to the word of God.**

“As you plan for the public reading of scripture in worship, consider adding some variety. Although one person reading the text is certainly appropriate, numerous other methods of scripture exist” (37).

1. Use several readers.
2. Responsive reading.
3. Read in unison.
4. Sing the text
5. Read passages with dialogue.

**We respond to the call of God.**

“Worship is not a spectator event. . . . Consider the following possibilities: an initial commitment to Christ, baptism or a reaffirmation of baptism vows, confirmation, moving of church membership, anointing of oil for healing and wholeness, passing of the peace, giving of an offering, reciting the Nicene or Apostle’s Creed or some other affirmation of faith, and prayers of various kinds” (38).

1. Faith.
2. Prayer.
4. Community.

**We celebrate at the table of God.**

“The fourfold pattern . . . --he took, he blessed, he broke, and he gave.”

1 Corinthians 11:23-29

Being creative in the Lord’s Supper will enable your congregation to have a fresh experience of this ordinance.

**We depart to serve God.**

Blessing and Benediction.

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