

## **INTRODUCTION**

What follows is by no means an exhaustive list of worship aids. It is presented to stimulate your thinking on what is available to enhance your congregations worship experience.

In the resources listed below you will find worship aids ranging from the traditional \*(examples given at the end of this section), to the more contemporary.

## **BIBLIOGRAPHY FOR MEANINGFUL WORSHIP**

### **Magazines and Periodicals**

Creator, Balanced Music Ministries, 735 Industrial, San Carlos, CA 94070

Worship, Reformed Worship – CRC, 2850 Kalamazoo Ave., S.E., Grand Rapids, MI 49560

Worship Leader, P O Box 747, Mt. Morris, IL 61054-8412

Christian Ministry Resources, P O Box 2301, Matthews, NC 28106

Zondervan Church Source, P O Box 668, Holmes, PA 19043

### **Seminars and Workshops**

Authentic Worship in a Changing World, What's Next?  
Webber, Robert E., Institute for Worship Studies

Congregate to Celebrate  
Keller, Kirby N., Myerstown, PA

### **Purpose – Driven Church Conference**

Purpose Drive, 1 Saddleback Parkway, Lake Forest, CA 92630

### **Wired Churches.Com**

Innovated Church Conference, Gransen Community Church, 630 E. University Drive.  
Granger, IN 46530

### **Worship Books – Single Volumes**

Webber, Robert E., Empowered By The Holy Spirit, Henderickson Publishers, Inc., Peabody, Massachusetts, P O Box 4372, 1998

White, James E., Introduction to Christian Worship, Abingdon Press, Nashville, Tennessee, 1984

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Osbeck, Kenneth W., 101 Hymn Stories, Kregal Publications, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 1982

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Carson, D.A., *Worship By The Books*, Zondervan, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 2002

Webber, Robert E., *Worship: Journey Into His Presence*, Kingdom Publishers, Mansfield, Pennsylvania, 1999

*Worship Old and New*, Zondervan, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 1994

### **Worship Books – Multi-Volume Works**

Webber, Robert E., *The Complete Library of Christian Worship*, 7 volumes, Hendrickson Publishers, Inc., Peabody, Massachusetts, by arrangement with Star Song Publishing Group, Nashville, Tennessee, 1993

### **Computer Listings** (For those who are in love with your computers)

There are more than 8.4 million web sites that you can log onto. Over 600,000 deal with seminars and workshops. So there seems to be no end to the assistance out there to help make your worship more meaningful.

Knock yourself out!

### **\*The Meaning and Use of Liturgical Colors**

From the earliest days of Biblical history God ascribed meaning and significance to certain colors. The early Christian church also prescribed certain colors to significant observances in the services of worship. Since our denomination has never made any liturgical emphasis, the use of paraments and colors has never been stressed. However, in view of the fact that many of our churches do drape the memorial table and the pulpit with special, high quality coverings, simply because it is filling that the furnishings of the chancel are not bare. We present here the significance and meaning of colors.

If any coverings are used at all they should be done in a proper and fitting manner. Sometimes a church uses only one pulpit and memorial table covering. Frequently these are red, and are appropriate for use all year round. Sometimes the church uses two colors, generally red on some occasions and white on others. When these are used it should be done at the proper time.

The liturgical colors are: white, red, green, violet, black...

White (Purity, light):

- Christmas and Epiphany season: December 24 to (and including) the two Sundays after Epiphany. Epiphany is always January 6.
- Easter to Trinity Sunday (8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter)
- Feast of Transfiguration (August 6)

Red (Blood, dedication, suffering, martyrdom):

- The Saturday before Pentecost to the Saturday before Holy Trinity; however, white is no improper.
- Reformation Sunday and the Sunday following.
- The dedication of a church.
- Church anniversaries.
- Harvest Home
- Thanksgiving Sunday
- St. Stephen's Day (December 26), commemorating the shed blood of the first Christian martyr.

Green (Life, growth):

- Septuagesima Sunday (7<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Easter) to the night before Ash Wednesday
- Second Sunday after Pentecost to the Saturday before
- Advent Sunday (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Christmas Day)

Violet (Contrition, confession, consecration):

- Advent Sunday to Christmas Eve
- Ash Wednesday and throughout Lent (except Good Friday) to the eve of Easter.

Black (death):

- Good Friday