

## **Worship and Music Committee - May 18, 2022**

**Present:** Randy Churchill (Chair), Allison Johnson (Council Liaison), Marion Cole, Sonja Demeter, Mary Kienitz

**Absent:** Carol Broderick

**Staff:** Pastor Julie, Carol Browning

Meeting Called to Order with prayer at 1:28 p.m.

**Looking Ahead Post-COVID:** Randy started a discussion on what we're working towards in terms of worship post-COVID. He said that people are happy but some want to know where things are going.

Pastor Julie said that she loves what we're doing and has received lots of positive feedback about our worship. With the size of our congregation, she doesn't foresee going to more than one service, unless we run out of room in the sanctuary. In terms of stewardship, we sometimes struggle to come up with enough ministers for one service. It's also great to have a united community where people of all ages and experiences come together. In talking with the new people who are coming, many are from other liturgical traditions or from evangelical churches, some of whom have outgrown their respective positions at those previous churches. Mount Cross has children, families, and enough critical mass of youth that these new families feel welcome and feel that their values are represented here. Randy commented that we have many new families coming because they like what we're doing.

He also said that the recent "Spring Training" for liturgical ministers was a very positive experience. Pastor Julie added that there was a healing spirit and a good energy at the training. We need to refine the training handout, by Advent, if possible. Some previous practices or other ideas were mentioned in terms of possible changes but no items were decided on.

**CCLI/Praise & Worship Music:** Pastor Julie had contacted CCLI after our last meeting. They have changed their policy and we are now allowed to print notation. However, Carol brought a sample of the kind of music downloads CCLI makes available and they are not anything that we can use in the bulletin. Many of the songs are not a simple verse/refrain format but have verses that use different rhythms, include pre-choruses, etc. If we have a straightforward music JPG, we will include it but many of the songs will still have just words.

**Next meeting time:** Wednesday, July 13, at 1:15 p.m.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 2:45 p.m.

Notes respectfully submitted by Pastor Julie Morris.