Irresistible Church Training
For Disability Ministry
Shout for JOY!

“Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the LORD, he is GOD! It is he who made us and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.”

–Psalms 100: 1-3
Worship as an Accessible Conversation - Rhythm of Revelation and Response

- God invites each of us to enter his presence
- We respond
- Fellow sheep
The 5 Stages of Changing Attitudes

1. Ignorance
2. Pity
3. Care
4. Friendships
5. Co-laborers
Worship as an Accessible Conversation--Acceptance

• What can the individual do?
• How does the individual take information in?
• How does the individual get information out?
• What movements can the person do?
• Does the individual have any sensory sensitivities?
• What supports might be important?

(Barbara Newman—Accessible Gospel, Inclusive Worship)
Acceptance

• Virtual tours
• Off-hours tour
• Planning ahead
How to be Accessible to All in Worship

- Seating
- Stage
- Visuals
- Audio aids
- Training
- Sensory accommodations
How to Plan Accessible Worship

Four main patterns:

1. Gathering
2. Word
3. Response
4. Sending
Gathering

• Words of welcome
• Call to worship
• Opening prayer
• Expressions of praise
• Confession and assurance of forgiveness
Word

• Scripture reading
• Sermon or message
• Message on suffering
• Testimonies
Matthew 6:9
Response

- Communion
- Baptism
- Offering
- Service
The Sending
Becoming
CO-LABORERS!!
A Benediction

• Accessible Conversation—Rhythm of Revelation and Response

• All abilities together—the whole church

• “My Friends, May You Grow in Grace”
Questions

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