

MTH Course of Study
Martin College
Winter 2018
February 2-3, March 2-3
Assignment and Course Requirements

Course: COS 223 - Worship and the Sacraments
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Your prework for Session One is to be submitted on the first Friday night of the course. Please staple it to a MTH Cover Sheet. Additional work will be due on the second Friday night of the course.

This course examines worship within The United Methodist Church including liturgy, sacraments, and special services. Attention will be given to the pastor's role as leader in worship.

Students will be able to:

1. Articulate a theology of worship consistent with the Wesleyan tradition, including reflection on the theology and rhythm of the Christian year.
2. Articulate a Wesleyan theology of the sacraments and be competent in their administration.
3. Interpret theologically the rites of Christian marriage, and of Death and Resurrection, and be able to lead such services well.
4. Construct a worship service, and reflect theologically on the use of hymns, media, contemporary music, and lay leadership.

Texts:

Hickman, Hoyt L., Worshiping with United Methodists: A Guide for Pastors and Church Leaders (Abingdon Press, 1996). **ISBN 9780687335268**

Willimon, William H., Sunday Dinner. (Nashville: Upper Room, 1983).
ISBN: 0835804291

Willimon, William H., Remember Who You Are. (Nashville: Upper Room, 1988).
ISBN: 0835803996

Wallace, Robin Knowles. The Christian Year: A Guide for Worship and Preaching. (Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2011). **ISBN 9781426703003**

"This Holy Mystery: A United Methodist Understanding of Holy Communion."
(available at gbod.org/worship or from professor at cashdepost@aol.com)

"By Water and the Spirit: A United Methodist Understanding of Baptism." (available at gbod.org/worship or from professor at cashdepost@aol.com)

Reference

The United Methodist Book of Worship. (Nashville: The United Methodist Publishing House, 1992). **ISBN 9780687035724**

The United Methodist Hymnal (Nashville: The United Methodist Publishing House, 1989). **ISBN 9780687431328**

Supplementary:

Stookey, Lawrence. Let the Whole Church Say Amen: A Guide For Those Who Pray In Public. (Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2011). **ISBN 9780687090778**

Assignments First Weekend:

1. Read Sunday Dinner by William H. Willimon. Select one of the chapters and write a 2-3 page sermon based on the text for that chapter. Your sermon should reflect an understanding of Willimon's thoughts in that chapter. You may agree or disagree with those thoughts in your sermon. Write a paragraph as to why you chose that chapter.
2. Read Remember Who You Are by William H. Willimon. Write a 2-3 page paper on who you are in light of your own baptism.
3. Write out your usual Orders of Worship. Include one for normal a normal Sunday Worship Service (not Holy Communion) and one for Word and Table. Do a (double-spaced) commentary on the Order of Worship for each service. Include descriptions of all of the actions that were performed by the minister(s) and congregation (i.e. standing, bowing, singing, coming to the Communion Table, etc.). Also include a rationale for the various parts of the service: the lessons read, the prayers offered, the hymns sung, the sermon preached, etc.
4. Read "This Holy Mystery" and "By Water and the Spirit". Send me your email address at cashdepost@aol.com and I will send copies of these two documents to you.

Pework Policy

We all have deadlines that govern our lives. It is crucial that you take seriously your commitment to complete the pre-work assignments by the deadline. Extensions are granted only for extenuating circumstances. Normal pastoral duties do not constitute extenuating circumstances. Late work will be penalized. Any extension must be granted by the instructor of the class. For your protection, please keep copies of your pre-work assignments.

- All precourse work must be submitted to the professor on the Friday of the first weekend or by the date indicated on the assignment sheet.
- Late precourse work will be accepted for two weeks following the due date (but not beyond) with the following penalties:
 1. Precourse work submitted within one week of the due date will receive a **one letter grade deduction**
 2. Precourse work submitted after one week of the due date but within two weeks will receive a **two letter grade deduction**
 3. **No precourse** assignments will be accepted after two weeks from the due date and a grade of "F" will be given in the course.
 4. **In cases where the student has registered late the same precourse policy applies.**
- All midcourse work must be submitted to the professor on the Friday of the second weekend or by the date indicated by the professor.
- Late midcourse work will be accepted for two weeks following the due date (but not beyond) with the following penalties:
 1. Midcourse work submitted within one week of the due date will receive a **one letter grade deduction.**
 2. Midcourse work submitted after one week of the due date but within two weeks will receive a **two letter grade deduction.**
 3. **No midcourse** assignments will be accepted after two weeks from the due date and a grade of "F" will be given in the course.

Grade Percentages

Pework	40%
Midwork	30%
Course Participation	30%