

Summer Order of Worship (for participants)

[this page is a good thing to send to the speaker so they can be thinking about it]

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Prelude:

Welcome and Announcements:

Opening Words

Hymn

Chalice Lighting:

Milestones

Reading

Offering

Sermon

Hymn

Closing Words

Postlude

Summer Order of Worship—annotated for Worship Host

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Prelude: (by musician)

Welcome and Announcements: (worship host, see Scripts page, below)

Opening Words (usually speaker)

Hymn (musician)(optional. Either needs to be in hymnal ,with hymnals put on chairs before service, or printed for congregation)

Chalice Lighting: (works well for speaker to read the words while host lights chalice, or vice-versa)

Milestones (host, see Scripts)

Reading (usually speaker)

Offering (host, see Scripts)

Sermon (speaker)

Hymn (musician). See notes above for first hymn.

Closing Words (speaker)

Postlude (musician)

Then host thanks people for coming, invites them to enjoy more food, etc.

Scripts: say this or something similar that feels comfortable to you

Welcome and Announcements:

Good morning and welcome to our summer worship service. I am _____ and I am your worship host. Thanks to today's speaker _____ and our musician(s) _____. Thanks also to _____ for the breakfast nibbles and drinks and to _____ and _____ who are available for childcare if needed.

We offer a special welcome to any newcomers we have today (try to make eye contact with them). We hope you can stay after the service to chat so we can get to know you better. If you would like printed information about First Parish of Sudbury, you'll find it outside in the hallway on the welcome table.

There will be a time later in our service to share personal milestones, but if anyone has an announcement to make, now is the time. (Pass around mike so everyone can hear including those using hearing assistance technology.) Also, if anyone has asked you to read an announcement, do that now.

Next week we will welcome _____ who will speak on “ _____. (info available on the website). We hope you will join us then.

Milestones:

Each week we take time to share with one another the milestones of our lives—joys and sorrows. Are there any milestones to be shared today? (Pass around mic. If someone shares a particularly hard piece of news—death or serious diagnosis—take the mic back from them after and give people a little time for this to sink in before you pass the mic to someone else for their milestone.)

At the end say something like “May we hold these things in our hearts and reach out to one another with love.”

Offering:

“Now we will collect our morning's offering for the ongoing work of First Parish.” Then pass collection plates and at the end put them aside (with one on top of the other...).