**Worship @ Joy!**

**Worship Mission Statement:**

Celebrating God together with honor and praise so that all our lives are changed.

**Worship Core Values:**

Through worship we value:

* Connecting more deeply with God
* Encountering God’s Word
* Celebrating God’s Sacraments
* Embracing innovation and creativity
* Growing a community of faith
* Engaging people’s talents & callings

**Worship Guiding Principles:**

*Guiding principles are not “rules” or “law” but assist in worship planning and execution (along with the Worship Mission Statement, Worship Core Values, and the Mission Statement, Core Values, and Community Sweet Spot of Joy! Lutheran Church).*

* Our focus is on God, not individuals
* Worship planning is a team sport
* We will use thematic worship series
* All elements must support the theme for series/day
* We will incorporate scripture in a variety of elements
* We will have weekly communion where all are welcome
* We will seek convergence with music:
	+ Contemporary (70-85%)

3-month

rolling average

* + Traditional (15-30%)
	+ Secular (5-10%)
* All music teams contribute to convergence
* We will thematically incorporate:
	+ Prayer
	+ Confession/Forgiveness
	+ Testimonials
	+ Drama
	+ Video
	+ Fun
	+ Decor
	+ Lighting
	+ Movie clips
	+ Children
	+ Youth
* Worship leadership exists to enhance theme and connect various elements
* Community time (announcements) should be brief and creative
* We will incorporate social media in worship planning and execution
* Weekly children’s message must be relevant for children
* Offering is an element of worship
* Incorporate commissionings as needed
* Be sensitive to the diversity of our community
* All worship elements must be culturally relevant to our Community Sweet Spot but not exclusive to others
* We should use common language/vocabulary
* We will use a variety of visual arts
* Be willing to take creative risks
* We will have engaging congregational activities
* We will use tangible items (take-homes) to support theme beyond worship
* Modest, nice casual attire when on stage