

COS 223 – WORSHIP & SACRAMENTS

COURSE DESCRIPTION *(Goals & Objectives)*

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.
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TEXTBOOKS

REQUIRED TEXTS:

- Robin Knowles Wallace: ***The Christian Year: A Guide for Worship and Preaching***
- Laurence Stookey: ***Let the Whole Church Say Amen!***
- Hoyt Hickman: ***Worshipping with United Methodists: A Guide for Pastors and Church Leaders***

REFERENCE:

- UM Hymnal*
- Book of Worship*
- Gayle Felton: ***This Holy Mystery****
- Gayle Felton: ***By Water and the Spirit****

TEXTBOOK SELECTION FOR COURSE OF STUDY

Goal: Two basic texts (**required**) per class. Individual faculty may add another.

Reference books are **required** and are to help a student build their own library.

Assignments assure the use of the reference books; they are not classroom texts.

Supplemental texts are valuable, but **optional** texts if a student wants to pursue an area of ministry.