

## **SUNDAY AM FORMAT**

### **Greeting & Invitation**

- One verse of a familiar hymn
- The minister greets the congregation.
- The minister invites the church to worship
- The minister reads a psalm or similar type of passage.
- The minister leads a brief prayer of worship.

### **Ministry of the Table**

- Traditional Hymn
- Gospel Song
- Communion Song (just one verse or chorus to quiet the mind for communion)
- Communion
- Contribution Song (verse or chorus emphasizing God's providence)
- Contribution

### **Ministry of the Word (Songs move from general to specific)**

- Praise Songs (2-3; General songs lauding the greatness of God; upbeat and jubilant)
- Theme Song (Calls attention to the theme for the upcoming sermon)
- Scripture Reading
- Sermon
- Invitation
- Invitation Song

### **Blessing & Sending**

- Benediction Hymn (See examples in Topical Index of Hymnal)
- An elder makes announcements
  - Tell church to read the bulletin
  - Guests welcomed
  - Congregational Announcements limited to 3 items of concern to entire congregation
    - "Here is how you can serve God this week ..." by attending an event, serving in a project, or tending to a sick or grieving family
  - Fellowship encouraged
  - Elder says closing prayer
  - Pray for the sick and other congregational needs