

# Olympia CRC Worship Ministry Principles

## God-Centered Worship Gatherings:

When we gather in worship, the music, the words we sing, the scriptures, the **sacraments**, and the spoken word of God are actions that first and foremost honor God for who he is [Mark 12:30]. Our **worship gatherings** are communal expressions of a thankful response for who he is, what he has done, and what he is doing in us [Psalm 103:1,2; Ephesians 5:19,20; Colossians 3:16]. We gather, not out of religious habit, social behavior or for external appearance [Matthew 6:5], but rather to reestablish Jesus as Lord in our affections and priorities [Luke 4:8; Psalm 97:9].

## Music Ministry Principles:

### Inspiring Worship:

Our primary role as worship teams and leaders is to encourage and inspire the congregation to worship. As servant leaders, everything we do should point to God as we pursue a humble, honest, and genuine expression of worship – setting an example of reverence, passion, wonder, and broken-hearted joy [Psalm 34:3; Psalm 100:2; 2 Samuel 6:14,15].

### Undistracting Excellence:

We work for musical excellence with the purpose of inspiring worship – leading in such a way that the music and instrumentation compliment the content, encourage worship and do not distract by being either poorly done or overly polished [Psalm 33:3, Psalm 150].

### Blended Worship:

We seek to worship together in a way that is meaningful to regular attenders, relevant to our culture and community, and sensitive to the visitors who come in our doors [Psalm 145:1-7]. We pursue a contemporary blend of music – taking the most meaningful and relevant music from the past and present and expressing the songs as the prayers of God’s people today, for His honor [Colossians 3:16; Psalm 96:1].

### Mind and Heart:

Our songs and prayers should encourage both deep thinking and deep feeling [Mark 12:30] by combining clear scriptural truth with expressions of music and instrumentation that awaken our hearts to God’s active presence among us [John 4:23,24; 2 Chronicles 16:9; Hebrews 10:22; Ezekiel 43:2,5].