

# WHAT IS WORSHIP?

## 2. THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

The Hymns: God's people have been encouraged to sing their prayers, praises and thanksgivings to God. Psalm 98 says "Oh sing to the Lord a new song for He has done marvelous things!" In the hymns we get to recite back to God the great acts of our salvation in thanksgiving and praise.

### The Sermon Hymn or Hymn of the Day

This is the principal hymn and relates to that theme

### The Sermon

The Lord sent His disciples into the world to preach the Gospel. In the preaching of the sermon, that Word is still proclaimed today. It is many times based on the Scripture readings of the day. It is also the fullest expression of the theme of the day. "The Word of the cross is the power of God." 1 Corinthians 1:18

The sermon also prepares the hearer for the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

The Creed – comes from the Latin 'credo' meaning 'I believe' "If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart..., you will be saved." Romans 10:9

Having heard the word we respond with the statement of faith we call the Creed. We confess one of the historic creeds either the Apostles which is a summary of their teachings or the Nicene which was written at the Council of Nicea in 325.

The Prayer of the Church - This is the congregation's prayer.

The Offering and the Offertory – we respond by giving of our gifts to the Lord. The Offertory is sung. It is the words of Psalm 116.