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Risen and Real: Resources for Intergenerational Worship

Creative Music Second Sunday Easter Year B April 8, 2018



What this is: Creative Music Engagement



Where it's used: In any intergenerational gathering, but specifically with Lectionary based gatherings



Time: 4-5 minutes



Bible focus/theme: Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31



What's needed: Words on Screen, including extra verses as selected, various percussion instruments

We were strangers (One Body)

Cathy Summers & Matt Osgood
RESOUNDworship.org, Administered by The Jubilate Group
CCLI Song #7042430.

Listen & Play

https://www.resoundworship.org/song/we_were_strangers_one_body

Instructions

Use this song to celebrate the diversity and the unity of the people of God, along with the reading from Acts 4:32-35.

Highlight and demonstrate this diversity and unity by inviting members of your gathering to choose various percussion instruments. Encourage a range of rhythms and patterns to be played in the verses – shakers playing eighth note

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rhythms, triangles on fourth and first beats, blocks on two and four, tambourines on one.

Then in the chorus, draw all the instruments together to simply play on the first beat of the bar together.

Practice this a few times – you might not be able to achieve perfect unity – that's ok, that's reality! The life and death and resurrection of Jesus shows us what kind of lives we can aim for that will make unity possible – lives of common love and sharing, generous giving and hearty praise of God.

*Note also the line 'breaking down the walls between us' which connects to the story of Thomas, in which Jesus appears in the room with his followers – walls are of no power against the resurrected Jesus.

