Risen and Real: Resources for Intergenerational Worship

Music Seventh Sunday Easter Year B May 13, 2018

What this is: Creative Music Engagement

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

Time: 3-4 Minutes

Bible focus/theme: Acts 1: 15-17; Psalm 1; 1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19

What’s needed: Selection of percussion instruments

We were strangers (One Body)

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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 Acts1:15-17 and Jesus’s prayer in John 17.

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 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.