



# Rhythms of GRACE

## Frequently Asked Questions

- Q What if my child is disruptive?**  
A All Children are welcome, regardless of their 'acting out' behavior. We also have a safe corner where children can rest and observe.
- Q Are children accompanied?**  
A Parents, grandparents and/or caregivers are expected to join in activities so children's particular needs are met and they feel comfortable. There is time for conversation and networking among adults.
- Q Is there an age limit?**  
A No. Our program is hands-on and craft based. We play on the floor and move to music. Our participants range in age from 2 on up.
- Q How many attend each month?**  
A We usually celebrate Rhythms of Grace with 10-15 people present — kids, clergy, parents and staff.
- Q Do I have to be an Episcopalian to come to Rhythms of Grace?**  
A No. We welcome all faith traditions to our programs.
- Q Do I need to call in advance?**  
A No. Just come. But if you have particular needs, call first so we can help to make it a successful first visit.
- Q Are the sites handicapped accessible?**  
A While most of our locations are accessible, some are not. Check each location on our website for information about accessibility.
- Q Can siblings and friends attend?**  
A Absolutely!

Welcome to an alternative  
worship experience  
for people who don't  
feel comfortable  
in a traditional  
church setting...  
a place where we  
dance, draw, wiggle  
and rest in God

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## The Program

Rhythms of Grace is a creative church experience for those with special needs from all faith traditions. The program began so parents could have a place to worship with their children without worrying about verbal disruptions, distracting movements or gestures.

Our program presents Bible stories in an interactive way that uses music and movement, story cards, tactile and kinesthetic activities, and opportunities to develop communications skills.

The program is lead by a Christian educator, Episcopal priest, and assistants. Play-doh®, paint, bean bags, tissue paper, and pipe cleaners team with bread and wine (juice), prayers, hymns and Holy Scripture to make church and God's love accessible to all.

Parents/ caregivers enjoy the informal atmosphere of Rhythms of Grace and have time to share stories, hopes and dreams with those who have similar types of challenges.

## We Gather...

and play at a common activity as all are welcomed and made comfortable

## We Share...

a story from the Bible

## We Explore...

the story at learning and prayer centers choosing from a variety of sensory and tactile activities adapted to each theme

## We Hear...

the story of Jesus and God's love for us

## We Break Bread...

seated in a circle on the floor

## We Pray...

our thanks and bid our friends goodbye until next time

## Program Leadership

**Linda L. Snyder**, Program Director and Founder of Rhythms of Grace, has a degree in education and over 30 years experience in Christian Formation. Presently, Linda serves at St. John's Episcopal Church, Pine Meadow, Ct. and supports other sites as needed. She is a special education instructor in an elementary school in northwest Ct. Call 860-485-2545 or email, [llsnyders4@charter.net](mailto:llsnyders4@charter.net).

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