

Welcome to Rhythms of Grace, Volume 2 and 3!

We offer support for families and children with special needs who desire a deeper connection with God.

These two links are the lesson plans and resource materials for the Rhythms of Grace worship and formation program for year 2 and 3.

Formed in 2003, the Rhythms of Grace community has grown to include congregations all over the United States who are using the lesson plans for monthly worship experiences. The mission of Rhythms of Grace is to assist in proclaiming the Gospel of Christ by helping to develop, strengthen and support Eucharistic centered worshipping communities in inviting, welcoming and supporting children, teens and adults with special needs as well as their families, caregivers and advocates.

Rhythms of Grace follows a 3 year Scope and Sequence plan of lessons that include Old Testament lessons in the fall semester and New Testament lessons in the spring. In addition, each of the three volumes offers supplementary lessons for the principal feast days of the Christian year and lessons for the long season of Pentecost (or summer). Rhythms of Grace, Volume 1 was published in 2010 by Church Publishing, Inc. and is available through Church Publishing or at Amazon.com. In addition to the lesson plans, Volume 1 offers an introductory section that includes pedagogical, theological and practical information critical to beginning a Rhythms of Grace program. We strongly recommend that any church beginning a Rhythms of Grace program spend some time studying the introductory pages in Volume 1. Pg. 2

Volume 2 and 3 are presented in a new format that we hope will make the lesson plans even more accessible for congregations and planning teams. These links include all the lesson plans in the second and third years of the Scope and Sequence and all of the resource materials that accompany each lesson. We are indebted to Ms. Martha Lewis, Rhythms of Grace Board member and past director of the Christ Church Cathedral Rhythms of Grace program in Houston, Texas, for her careful editing of both volumes. Martha's expertise, passion and patience have helped to bring this project to fruition. We are grateful for the sharing of her gifts



with us and the Rhythms of Grace community.

Our journey with Rhythms of Grace began a decade ago and our commitment to offering hospitality, sacramental nurture and a joyful worship experience for families and children with special needs has only grown deeper and stronger. We hope that you will find your time leading a Rhythms of Grace program to be filled with hope, joy and all the fruits of the Spirit.

We are very excited to introduce our new Rhythms of Grace spokesperson, The Rev. Lindsay Lunnum. Lindsay has been part of our Rhythm board for many years and as an active member led numerous workshops leading congregations in establishing their own Rhythms communities as well as planting the Rhythm seed in two of the parishes she has served.

We look forward to hearing from you at www.rhythms-of-grace.org to answer any questions you might have, help you establish a Rhythms, or learning about your experiences with the program. Please feel free to contact us and let us know how we can help you.

In Christ's love,

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