

DIVERSITY IN WORSHIP

Some suggestions

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Some of the ways in which the message is given during worship that diversity is welcomed, honored, respected, and affirmed:

Wording of affirmation(s)

Songs and music

Service themes

Holiday celebrations/observances

Symbols on walls/in sanctuary

Immediate images on entering sanctuary or building (busts of King, Gandhi, Emerson, etc.)

Content of service - readings from variety of sources

Exploring and using the full range of material from diverse sources in the new hymnbook

Opportunities for several voices to be heard in service - not just polished speakers

See people who are welcoming you

Knowing the sources of material

Welcoming statement (that clearly states that diversity is welcomed, honored, etc. here)

Holding hands during the service

Diversity within the service

Special focus days

Readings - music - people – teamwork

Anything that sets the tone - even if it doesn't work at first

Seeing people who represent the diversity present