

VISUAL LITURGY EVENT SCHEDULE

November 16, 2013

8:30-9:00 Registration/coffee/pastries

9:00 Opening Prayer

9:15-10:00 Keynote Speaker: Lili Copan, "Faith and Art" contributor to Christian Century

10:05 Break

10:15-11:30 Workshops 1 & 2 (choose one)

11:30- 12:30 Box Lunch/Tour Resource Stations

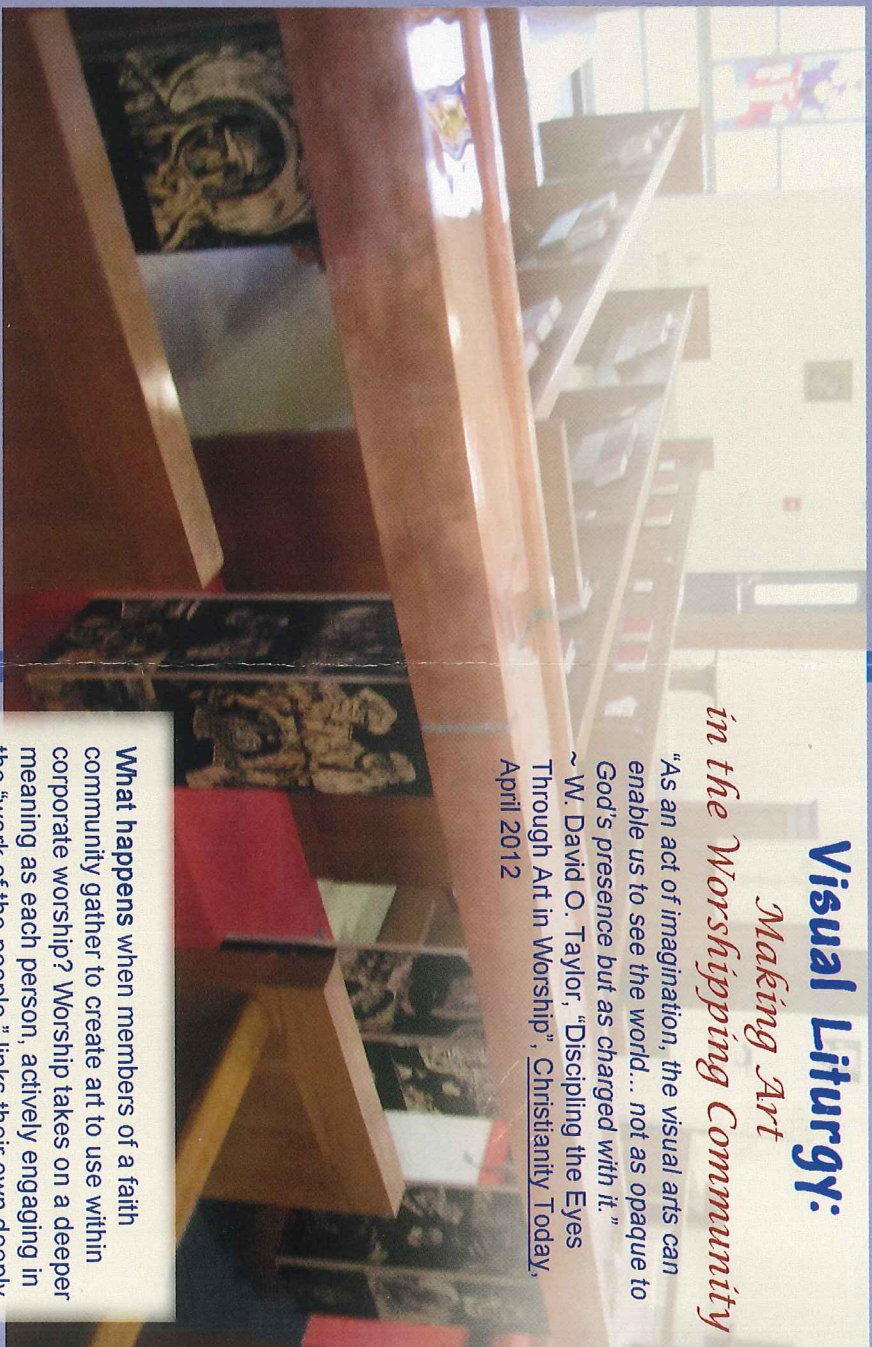
12:30- 1:45 Workshops 3 & 4 (choose one)

1:45-3:00 Workshops 5 & 6 (choose one)

3:15-4:15 Closing Eucharist, Jonathan Niketh, preacher



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Visual Liturgy: Making Art

in the Worshipping Community

"As an act of imagination, the visual arts can enable us to see the world... not as opaque to God's presence but as charged with it."

~ W. David O. Taylor, "Disciplining the Eyes Through Art in Worship", Christianity Today, April 2012

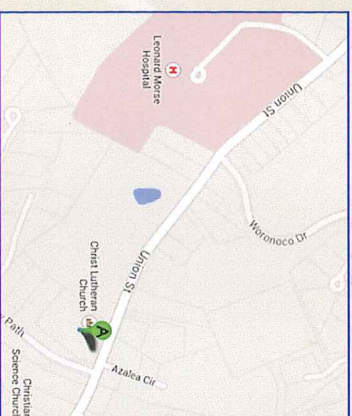
What happens when members of a faith community gather to create art to use within corporate worship? Worship takes on a deeper meaning as each person, actively engaging in the "work of the people," links their own deeply felt understanding of God's faithfulness in their lives to a visual manifestation of the liturgy's words and actions.

Join artists, worship committees, altar guilds, clergy, and other creative folks in a day of workshops, resource sharing, and worship that will generate creative ideas to take home to your gathered communities.

Keynote speaker for the event is **Lili Copan**, artist and regular contributor to the "Faith and Art" page of Christian Century.

Jonathan Niketh, pastor of First Lutheran Church in Lynn, MA, chair of the New England Synod Worship Committee and contributor to Sundays and Seasons, the ELCA worship planning guide, will preach the closing Eucharist.

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WORKSHOPS

10:15 am - 11:30 am

1) Pallets to Prayer: Constructing Rustic, Eco-Friendly Candle Boxes for Prayer Around the Cross. Transform your contemplative worship space with banks and rows of candles embedded in sand-filled boxes crafted from scrap wood, small drawers, and other "found" containers. Pastor Rebecca Bourret and Christ Lutheran member Wally Long will show you how to create these simple forms for multiple uses at church, outdoors, or camp. Participants will construct a box to take home.

2) Adapting to a New Use: Designing a Pall for Cremation Urns. The growing practice of cremation has altered the shape of the church's end of life ritual. A memorial service differs from a funeral because there is no body present. How do we ritualize the presence of a cremation urn? A beautiful fabric cover adorned with a cross and trim reminds us that we have been "clothed in Christ" at our baptism. Cathy Gallagher of Christ Lutheran Church will provide you with instructions, resources and samples of materials to enable you to create a pall on our own.

12:30 pm - 1:45 pm

3) Door-to-Door: Envisioning Advent. This workshop draws on early German traditions of observing Advent with images, with a contemporary twist. Come explore common themes of the season using paint and collage. The images you create will serve as glimpses of the holiness and expectation of Advent. You'll also learn how to turn these small pictures into a community project in your congregation. No art experience necessary! Heather Annis of Studio 35 in Providence, RI, is workshop leader.

4) Simplicity in Season: Lent Without Flowers. Create simple, spare arrangements using plants and dried materials to invite contemplation as people gather at the altar during the season of Lent. Laraine Marthinsen, gifted floral arranger at Christ Lutheran Church, will describe how she chooses materials that reflect the qualities of the Lenten season and will demonstrate how to assemble an all-foliage arrangement. You will leave the workshop with examples and descriptions to help you create arrangements in your own setting.

1:45 pm - 3:00 pm

5) Carving the Light of Christ: Decorative Wax Art for the Paschal Candle. This hands-on workshop will explore the steps for carving a unique design into your congregation's paschal candle. With a brief exploration of the use and symbolism of the candle, you will take a look at each step in the creation process: crafting a design, carving it out, adding color. Pastor Steven Wilco of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Amherst, MA, will guide you in this simple and beautiful practice and send you home with instructions for completing your candle. Practice candles provided.

6) Draping and Shaping Worship Space to Achieve Focus and Intimacy. Work with installation artist Amy A. Bruch to convert an over-sized space into a focused gathering place to assemble for a festive Pentecost procession or to encounter the rich Old Testament lessons of the Easter Vigil. After viewing slides of some of her previous installations, worship planners will engage in a "thought project" with Rev. Bruch, using props to solve the technical and aesthetic concerns when adapting space to a new use.

RESOURCE STATIONS

Throughout the day you can browse displays of the work of local liturgical artisans: banners, altar paraments, vestments, paintings, stations of the cross, an Epiphany light box. Working artists Heather Annis and Amy Bruch will provide examples of visual art projects each has created in collaboration with New England congregations.

You will also find a pictorial description of the "Living Waters" installation shepherded by Boston artist Michael Dowling, who worked with members of Christ Lutheran Church during Lent and Easter 2012 to unfold the rich imagery of the season. Bibles, books featuring liturgical art, and web site resources will be available for examination.

Bring examples of visual liturgical art created in your own setting to share with other participants. Let us know in advance what you will bring so that we can prepare display space for it.

REGISTRATION

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Early Registration deadline: October 31st
\$25/per person; \$20/per person for 2 or more people from a single congregation. Includes cost of materials, continental breakfast, lunch (vegetarian option available).

After October 31st: \$30/person; \$25/per person for 2 people from a single congregation.

Complete a form for each attendee:
Or use our online registration:
www.ChristNatick.org/VisualLiturgy

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Phone # _____

Church _____

Others attending from your congregation _____

Choose 3 workshops, one from each time slot.
Some workshops are limited by space.

Workshop choices: a) _____ b) _____ c) _____

Check all categories that apply: ☐ altar guild member, ☐ on a worship planning committee artist ☐ clergy ☐ other (specify) _____
☐ bringing resource to share.

Send a check made payable to
"Christ Lutheran Church," writing "Visual Liturgy"
in the check memo line to secure your reservation:

ATTN: Tamara Nevens, Registrar
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