

**Sessions 3 and 4 “Worship Come to Its Senses”**  
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In the actual practice of worship “ancient and new” we encounter our humanity at full stretch before God and neighbor. This means we must pay attention to the whole range of human emotion, and to how our worship forms and expresses us through the senses to a “sense” of the world as God’s creation. (Calvin: The world is the arena of God’s glory”).

In these sessions we will focus on five primary clusters of “religious affections.” These are patterns of attunement and feeling that target attributes of God, and features of the incarnational love of God in Jesus Christ.

1. Gratitude and the grateful heart
  
2. Awe and wonder
  
3. Truthfulness
  - Contribution
  - Lamentation and sorrow
  - “Testimony” to the truth of God’s actions
  
4. Delight
  
5. Hope

Along the way we explore how the human senses are crucial to receiving Word and Sacrament, and how we move between formation and expression (celebration) of life at full stretch before God and neighbor.

Key questions, issues: