

Laity Convocation 2011

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Presenter: Bishop Robert Schnase
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Location: Sycamore UMC
160 Johnson Ave.
Sycamore, IL 60178,

Registration forms are available in the narthex
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Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations **“Passionate Worship”** Bishop Robert Schnase

- Through Passionate Worship, God draws people to Christ (many for the first time), deepens understanding and relationship with Christ, and over time transforms lives as disciples grow in the image of Christ
- Worship breathes life into the community of Christ’s followers, forms identity, and provides a place of common learning about faith and listening to God...people seek to connect with God, allow God’s word to shape them, and offer their response of faith.
- By simple acts, lovingly offered, churches with Passionate Worship draw people to God and to one another in Christ’s name, and they afford people the opportunity to be shaped by God.
- Passionate Worshipping congregations appeal to newcomers because people delight in one another and feel grateful in being together. Visitors choose a community in which they learn, find hope and help, and are warmly and graciously welcomed from the time they arrive in the parking lot until they leave to return home.

An hour of Passionate Worship changes all the other hours of the week.