

An Alternative Paradigm for Worship

Every churches' worship services should be:

Traditional...

in the sense that they are not isolated from the previous two thousand year history of the Christian church, *not* that they must follow eighteenth century Northern European practices or late nineteenth century (depending on the denominational affiliation).

In that same vein, worship should be

Blended...

in the sense that they contain elements of the past and the present, *not* a potpourri of various unrelated elements designed to please everyone's preferences.

Contemporary...

in the sense that they are presented in recognizable and culturally appropriate idioms, *not* that everything is based on the last five years' methods and practices.