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## Arts Ministry

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"Jesus came not to make us CHRISTIANS, but more FULLY HUMAN" – Barth

In our ministry we are going to fully embrace this above quotation through ART x FAITH.

We as humans and children of God, will attain a deepening sense of who we are and who God is by having new experiences with God. It is through God that we are able to get in touch with our humanity. Art brings out the sensual side of us, and the poetic side of life - love, of which the importance cannot be understated. We find that by steeping ourselves simultaneously in Art and God we can further our understanding of being humans and children of God.

The importance of Art and Creation is established in the Divine Call in Exodus 35:10 where Moses calls every skillful craftsman to come and make all that the Lord has commanded. The Artists here were the first to be called to action, demonstrating the importance of art and creation that the Lord holds.

Arts are a hospitable expression of our feelings, and in the same way the gospel is a hospitable invitation to those who are non-believers. We in the same way can learn to know God and ourselves more through the action of arts and by that be able to become stronger in the holy spirit and be able to spread the gospel to the world.

We often don't know what we want and there are those who don't realize, that perhaps, they have this kind of hunger for this kind of thing. We are bringing it to them. By



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God's grace, we are hoping to provide a feast for those on a diet of junk food. To renew, and reveal their want for more, their hunger for a relationship and thirst for God.

Arts Ministry will not just be a project for us but a journey of discovery together.

Our goal is to not make events but occasions in which we can breathe live into one
another and to take joy in one another. As humans, art and creation are at our core, by
cultivating these, we hope to cultivate intimacy and a sense of vulnerability in parallel.

Each month we will try a new topic or art medium, and every week there will be time to work on an ongoing project that we can show to CCF. Through this we can help people learn different techniques and creative ways about art. There will also be field trips to go to art galleries to be exposed to new art and to learn to comprehend it. We hope to also tie in social justice to the arts. There will be speakers coming in hopefully once every two months. At the end of each session we will have some time to share. Sharing can consist of any new discoveries or new insights that could or could not have been inspired by art, or what we did that night or something someone said.

A journey exploring ART x FAITH.