

Dr. Marcia McFee is a professor, worship designer, author, preacher and ritual artist. Drawing on a first career in professional dance and musical theater and equipped with a Master's in Theology and a PhD in Liturgical Studies, she understands the role of any worship artist in the church as that of creating extraordinary portals through which communities journey with the Spirit. The task is at once deeply theological and wonderfully artistic. Connecting worship professionals and volunteers to their passion and depth of spiritual leadership is her aim in teaching and consulting as well as equipping them with skills to carry this out. Dr. McFee has designed and led worship for regional, national and international gatherings of several denominations for the last 25 years. She has taught hundreds of workshops, been a popular keynote speaker at large denominational gatherings, and a guest lecturer at 15 seminaries. She is the creator and visionary of the Worship Design Studio (www.worshipdesignstudio.com), an online experience of coaching, education, inspiration, and home to over 70 designs for worship series. She is the author of three books, including the best-selling Think Like a Filmmaker: Sensory-Rich Worship Design for Unforgettable Messages.

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See below for a list of past events.

Partial List of Past Events, Marcia McFee, Ph.D.

(not including church consults, seminary guest teaching, and curated travel trips)

Church of the Resurrection workshops, Leadership Institute, '24

Saint Paul School of Theology Pause/Play Preachers Event, Keynote Speaker, '24 United Methodist Church General Conference, Reconciling Network, Ritual Leader, '24

Pacific Northwest Conference Consultations, '24-'25

Mountain Sky Annual Conference Worship Leadership, '24

Michigan Unitarian Universalist Retreat, Keynote Speaker, '23

United Church of Christ Women's Event, New England, Worship Leader and Keynote Speaker, '23

Oklahoma City Retreat, Saint Paul School of Theology, Preacher and Keynote Speaker, '22

New England Annual Conference, UMC, Leadership, '22

Capital Presbytery workshops, '22

Phillips Seminary Event, Keynote Speaker, '22

Nebraska Presbytery Retreat, '21

Metropolitan Community Churches International General Conference (virtual), '21

[Various online workshops for districts, areas, regions of several denominations regarding the art and technique of engaging, sensory-rich online worship], '20-'21

Worship Design, Leadership and Video Editing, New England Annual Conference UMC (virtual), '20

Worship Design and Leadership, Reconciling Ministries, '20

Workshop Leadership, Cedar Rapids District UMC, '19

Workshop Leadership, Presbytery of Milwaukee, '19

Workshop Leadership, Virginia Wesleyan, '19

Workshop Leadership, Presbytery of South Dakota, '19

Worship Design and Leadership, Keynote Speaker, Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference, '19

Keynote Speaker, Brite Divinity School Minister's Week, '19

Retreat Leadership, Sacramento Presbytery, '18

Workshop Leadership, Kansas Area DOC (Christian Church), '18

Worship Design and Leadership, Indiana-Kentucky UCC Conference, '18

Worship Leader, Keynote Speaker, National Creation Spiritual Conference, '18

Worship Designer and Leader, Way Forward Training, Pacific Northwest Conference UMC, '18

Retreat Leader, Baltimore-Washington Conference UMC Clergy Day Apart, '18 Worship Leader and Workshop Leader, UU Clergy Event, '18

Worship Leader and Workshop Leader, Dallas Choristers Guild Event, '18

Workshop Leader, DOC (Christian Church) General Assembly, '17

Worship Design and Leadership, Northern Illinois Annual Conference UMC, '17

Worship Design and Leadership, Wisconsin Annual Conference UMC, '17

Worship Design and Leadership, Workshop Leader, Omaha Presbytery Conference, '17

Worship Design and Leadership, Workshop and Consult, Holy Week Residency, Barrington UMC, '17

Keynote Speaker, Convergence Worship Conference, UMC, '17

Worship Designer, Leader, Workshop Leader, North Texas Conference Clergy Retreat, '16

Workshop Leader, Virginia Wesleyan, '16

Worship and Keynote Speaker, UU Musicians Conference, '16

Worship Consult and Leader, MCC General Conference, Victoria, BC, '16

Worship Designer and Leader, New England Annual Conference, UMC, '16

Worship Designer and Leader, Texas Annual Conference, UMC, '16

Workshop Regional Residency, Countryside UCC, Omaha, '16

Workshop and Worship Leader, ELCA, NW Washington Synod, '16

Keynote Speaker, Worship Leader, The Future of Worship Conference, '16

Workshop and Worship Leader, PCUSA Transitional Minister Gathering, '16

Workshop and Worship Leader, ELCA, Rocky Mountain Synod, '15

Worship Design and Leadership Reconciling Ministries Convocation, '15

Worship Design and Leadership, New England Annual Conference UMC, NH, '15

Worship Design and Leadership, Music & Arts Week, Lake Junaluska, NC, '15 Seminary Course, "Revitalizing the Church Through Worship, Lutheran Theological Seminary of Philadelphia, '15

Workshop Leader, Cherokee Presbytery, Marietta, GA, '15

Worship Design and Teaching, BTS Center Annual Gathering Portland, ME, '15 Worship Design and Keynotes, UCC Senior Ministers of Large Churches, St. Petersburg, FL, '15

Worship Design and Leadership, San Francisco Theological Seminary Center for Innovation in Ministry Launch Event, Marin County, CA, '14

Online worship course, Theological Education, Pacific School of Religion, '12, '13, '14

Worship Design and Workshop Leader, National Evangelism Conference, PCUSA, St. Petersburg, FL, '14

MDiv seminary worship course teaching, Saint Paul School of Theology, '14 Worship Design and Keynote Speaker, Georgia Pastor's School UMC, St. Simon's Island, GA, '14

Worship Design and Keynote Speaker, Michigan Pastor's School UMC, East Lansing, MI, '14

Worship Design and Workshop Leader, PCUSA Evangelism and Church Growth Conference, St. Petersburg, FL, '14

Georgia Pastor's School UMC, Epworth-by-the-Sea, GA, '14

Keynote Speaker, The Hymn Society of North America, Columbus, OH, '14

Keynote Speaker, Unitarian Universalist Musicians Network, San Diego, CA, '14 Professor, The Practice of Worship Leadership, Saint Paul School of Theology, KC, '14

Worship Design and Keynote Speaker, West Michigan Annual Conference UMC, MI, '14

Workshop Leader, Winchester District UMC, VA, '14

Worship Design and Keynote Speaker, Detroit Annual Conference UMC, MI, '14 Workshop Leader, Boston Metro District UMC, MA, '14

Workshop Leader, Gettysburg UCC Association, PA, '14

Chorister's Guild plenary speaker, workshop leader, worship design, Dallas, TX, '14

New York Conference UMC Bishop's Convocation plenary speaker, '14 Plenary speaker, workshop and worship design, ELCA District education event, Sacramento, '13

MDiv seminary worship course teaching, Saint Paul School of Theology, '13 Workshop Leader, MCC General Conference, '13

Keynote Speaker and Guest Lecturer, Hearn Innovators, Baylor University School of Christian Music, '13

Worship Design and Leadership, Earl Lectures, Pacific School of Religion, '13 Workshop Leader, Grand Rapids, Detroit, Boston Metro, Houston, Kansas City, Omaha and Cleveland, '13

Worship Design and Keynote Speaker, UCC Musicians Association, '13 Ring Lake Ranch Theologian-in-Residence Week, '13

Workshop Leader, Pennsylvania UCC Annual Meeting Pathways Seminar, '13

Worship Consultant and Leader Louisiana Annual Conference, UMC, '13

Director of Worship and Music, General Conference UMC, '12

Keynote Speaker, United Church of Christ National Youth Event, '12

Spiritual Guide San Francisco and Redwood Forest Pilgrimage, Louisiana Conference, UMC, '12

Bishop's Continuing Education Event, Oklahoma Annual Conference, UMC, '12

Worship Consultant and Leader Louisiana Annual Conference, UMC, '12

Worship Consultant and Leader Nebraska Annual Conference, UMC, '12

Consultation and Workshop and Worship Leader, St. Andrews UMC, '12

Workshop Leader, Unitarian Universalist Region, Minnesota, '12

Keynote Speaker and Worship Leader, Clergy Day, California-Nevada Conference UMC, '12

Consultation and Workshop Leader, St. Marks UMC, Atlanta, '12

Workshop Leader, Minnesota Conference UMC, '12

Worship Design and Leadership, JustPeace Gathering, Ecumenical, '12

Worship and Workshop Leader, South Carolina FUMMWA event, '12

Keynote Speaker, United Church of Christ General Synod, '11

Worship Leader, National Filipino American United Methodists, '11

Worship Consultant and Leader, Florida Annual Conference, UMC, '11

Worship Consultant and Leader Louisiana Annual Conference, UMC, '11

Worship Consultant and Leader, Indiana Annual Conference, UMC, '11

Keynote Speaker, Bishop's Symposium, Oregon-Idaho Conference UMC, '11

Spiritual Guide, Denver Clergy trip to Ireland, '11

Workshop Leader, Dakotas Conference (multiple districts), '11

Workshop Leader, South District Desert Southwest Conference UMC, '11

Keynote Speaker, Southwest Texas Conference UMC Worship Event, '11

Worship and Workshop Leader, Texas Choir Camp, '11

Worship Consultation and Leadership, Christ Church UMC, '11

Retreat Leader Spiritual Academy, Louisiana Conference, '11

Workshop Leader, Skylands District, Greater New Jersey Conference, UMC, '11

Keynote Speaker, Worship Leader and Workshop Leader, Worship & Song Intro

Event, United Methodist Publishing, Nashville, '11

Keynote Speaker, Nebraska Academy for Spiritual Formation, '11

Worship Workshop Leader St. Paul's Lincoln UMC, St. Paul's UMC Allison Park,

PA, Contoocook UMC NH, Sarasota, FL UMC, '11

Workshop Leader, North District, Desert Southwest Conference, UMC, '11

Workshop Leader, New England Conference UMC Pastor's School, '11

Workshop Leader, Worship Alive, Roger's Park, Chicago, '11

Professor, Saint Paul School of Theology Intro to Worship, '11

Workshop Leader, Minnesota Conference UMC, '10

Workshop Leader, Austin, TX District UMC, '10

Workshop Leader, St. John's UMC and Alaska Conference, '10

Keynote Lancaster Seminary Lectures, '10

Retreat and Workshop Leader, Port Huron District, UMC, Missouri

Clergywomen UMC, '10

Worship Consultant and Leader, First UMC Sacramento, '10

Keynote Speaker, Eden Seminary Lectures, '10

Worship Workshop Leader First UMC Lincoln, NE, '10

Retreat Leader, Sierra Nevada District, UMC, '10

Keynote Speaker, Virginia Wesleyan University, '10

Worship Consultant, FUMC Temple and FUMC Ft. Worth '10

Worship Consultant and Leader, California-Nevada Annual Conference, UMC, '10

Worship Consultant and Leader, Minnesota Annual Conference, UMC, '10

Keynote Speaker, United Church of Christ Musicians Network National Gathering, '10

Worship Consultant and Leader, General Conference, MCC, '10

Worship Consultant and Workshop Leader, North Georgia Conference (multiple churches and districts), '10

Worship Consultant and Leader, New District Superintendent and Director of Connectional Ministries national training event, '10

Worship Consultant and Leader, Justpeace, Boston, MA, '10

Worship Consultant and Leader, Quadrennial National Training, UMC, '09

Worship Consultant and Workshop Leader, Saint Paul School of Theology, '09

Worship Consultant and Leader, Commission on the Status and Role of Women, UMC, '09

Workshop Leader, Spiritual Academy, Louisiana Conference UMC, '09

Workshop Leader, Tri-State District, New England Conference, UMC, '09

Worship Workshop Leader Dove of the Desert UMC, Bering Memorial UMC,

Berkeley Presbyterian, Abundant Life UMC, San Mateo UMC, Burleson UMC, Austin MCC, Broadway UMC, '09

Worship Consultant and Leader, UUA Califormia-Nevada Conference, '09

Keynote Speaker, FUMMWA event, Orlando, FL, '09

Workshop Leader, School of Congregational Development, '09

Worship Consultant and Leader, Reconciling Ministries National Convo, '09

Keynote Speaker, Jubilate Worship Conferene, Tacoma, '09

Keynote Speaker, Baltimore-Washington Conference Clergy Day, '09

Keynote Speaker, Brehm Lectures, Fuller Seminary, '09

Worship Consultant and Leader, Eastern Pennsylvania Annual Conference, '08

Worship Consultant and Leader, Central Pennsylvania Annual Conference, '08

Worship Consultant and Leader, North Carolina Annual Conference, '08

Worship Consultant and Leader, General Conference United Methodist Church International Gathering, '08

Worship Consultant and Leader, United Methodist Women Jurisdictional Meetings, Western Jurisdiction and North Central Jurisdiction, '08

Worship Consultant, Leader, Preacher and Keynote Presenter, Lectures Pfeiffer University, '08

Worship Consultant and Leader, SoulFiesta, Upper Room Ministries, '08

Worship Workshop Leader in each District of Central PA Conference, '08

Worship Consultant, Leader and Keynote Presenter, Worship UK Institute, Wales, '08

Worship Consultant, Leader and Keynote Presenter, Texas Clergy Retreat, '07 Worship Consultant and Leader, New District Superintendent and Director of

Connectional Ministries national training event, '07 & '08

Worship Consultant, Leader and Keynote Presenter, Western Pennsylvania School of Missions, '07

Worship Consultant and Leader, SoulFeast national event, Upper Room Ministries, '07 & '08

Worship Consultant and Leader, Texas Annual Conference, '07

Worship Consultant and Leader, Student Forum national event, '07

Worship Consultant and Leader, Council of Bishops, UMC, '07 & '08

Worship Consultant and Leader, Methodist for Social Action national event, '07 Workshop Leader, Texas Annual Conference, '07

Worship Consultant, Leader and Keynote Presenter, Central Pennsylvania Pastor's School, '07

Worship Consultant, Leader and Workshop Leader, Kansas Pastor's School, '07 Worship Consultant, Leader and Keynote Presenter, Presbytery of Des Moines "Transformation" Event, '06

Worship Consultant and Leader, National Clergywomen's Event, '06

Worship Consultant and Leader, "Do No Harm" National Training Event, Commission on the Status and Role of Women, '06

Worship Consultant, Leader and Keynote Presenter, National Campus Ministry Association Gathering, '06

Worship Consultant and Leader, Western New York Annual Conference, '06

Worship Consultant and Leader, Mississippi Annual Conference, '06

Worship Consultant and Leader, Nebraska Annual Conference, '06

Worship Consultant, Leader, Preacher and Keynote Presenter, Northern California United Church of Christ Annual Conference, '06

Worship Leader and Keynote Presenter, JustPeace National Gatheirng, '06

Worship Leader and Keynote Presenter, New Jersy Pastor's School, '06

Worship Consultant and Leader, Urban Ministry Conference, '05

Worship Leader and Keynote Presenter, Florida Minister's Conference, '05

Worship Leader and Keynote Presenter, Michigan Pastors School, '05

Worship Leader and Keynote Presenter, New England Pastors School, '05

Workshop Leader - Claremont School of Theology and Cal-Pac Annual

Conference '05

Worship Consultant, Leader and Preacher, Cal-Pac Annual Conference, '05 Keynote Speaker and Workshop Leader, Worship Connection Conference, '05 *United Methodist Publishing*

Keynote Speaker, Workshop Leader and Worship Leader, Minister's Week, '05 Southeast Jurisdictional Conference

Worship Consultant, Leader, Cal-Pac Annual Conference, '05

Worship Consultant, Leader, Southeast Jurisdictional Conference, '04

Worship Consultant, Leader and Lecturer, Florida Annual Conference, '04 & '05

Worship Consultant, Leader and Lecturer, North Central NY Annual Conference, '04

Spiritual Guide and Worshipful Work, Iowa Annual Conference, '04 & '05

Worship Consultant, Leader and Lecturer, New England Annual Conference, '03

Worship Consultant, Leader and Lecturer, Missouri Area Annual Conference, '03

Lecturer and Worship Designer and Leader with Tom Porter, JustPeace

"Conflict and Communion," Ministry Convocation, '04 Claremont School of Theology

"Conflict and Communion," National District Superintendent Retreat, '03 General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, United Methodist Church "Conflict and Communion," Staff Retreat, '03

Iowa Area Annual Conference, United Methodist Church

"Conflict and Communion," Clergy Meeting, '03

California - Nevada Annual Conference, United Methodist Church

Worship Consultant, Leader and Lecturer, Yellowstone Annual Conference, '02 Worship Consultant, Leader and Lecturer, Rocky Mountain Annual Conference, '00, '01

United Methodist Church, Rocky Mountain Area

Plenary Speaker and Workshop Leader, National Convocation, '01

The Fellowship of United Methodists in Music and Worship Arts

Lecturer, Worship Designer and Leader, "Spiritual Leaders Summit," '01

California-Nevada Annual Conference, United Methodist Church

Worship Consultant, Leader and Lecturer, North Alabama Annual Conference, '00

Worship Design and Leadership, Commission on the Status and Role of Women, '00,'04

General Conference, United Methodist Church

Worship Design and Leadership, Reconciling Ministries Network, '00,'04 General Conference, United Methodist Church

Worship Design and Leadership, "Witness Our Welcome," '00 Ecumenical Gathering Conference Preacher, Worship Consultant, Leader, North NJ Annual Conference, '99

Arts Director, consultant, worship design team, Global Gathering II ('93) & III ('97)

General Board of Global Ministries, United Methodist Church Indianapolis, Indiana and Kansas City, Missouri

Movement Director and worship design team ('94)

National Assembly, United Methodist Women

Worship Design and Leadership, District Superintendent & Conference Council Director Training Event ('97, '98, '99, '00)

General Council on Ministries, United Methodist Church

Worship Design and Leadership, Global Consultation

GCCUIC, United Methodist Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma ('98)

Worship Design and Leadership, Global Consultation on Workers

General Board of Church and Society, United Methodist Church, Atlanta ('98)

Worship Design and Leadership, National Meeting of Council Directors General Council on Ministries, United Methodist Church, ('99)

Bible Study and Worship Leader, Missouri West & East annual conferences ('96) *United Methodist Church, Missouri Area*

Worship Consultant and Leader, Louisiana Annual Conference ('97) *United Methodist Church, Louisiana Area*

Worship Consultant, Nebraska Annual Conference ('97)

United Methodist Church, Nebraska Area

Worship Design and Leadership, Bishop's Week ('96)

United Methodist Church, Southcentral Jurisdiction

Worship Design and Leadership, North Texas Annual Conference ('98, '99)

Worship Design and Leadership, Peninsula-Delaware Annual Conference ('99)

Worship, Southcentral Jurisdictional meeting ('96)

United Methodist Church

Worship Design and Leadership, Festival of Sharing 10th Anniversary Celebration

Office of Creative Ministries, Columbia, Missouri

Co-Founder and Director, Foundation for Religion & The Arts

Producer, "Jazz Vesper Series" ('93, '94)

Worship Design & Co-Producer, "Children's Art for Peace from Israel" (interfaith organization, Kansas City, Missouri)

Minister of Arts, North Cross UMC ('94, '95)

North Kansas City, Missouri

Worship Leadership, Martin Luther King, Jr. Ecumenical Worship Celebration Community Christian Church, Kansas City, Missouri

Worship Design and Leadership, "That All May Worship, That All May Serve" ('97)

Conference on Accessibility, Saint Paul School of Theology