ECUMENICAL INSTITUTE OF THEOLOGY

Term: Spring 2016    Faculty Member: Mark C. Gorman

Course Number and Title: PT 718 Introduction to Christian Worship

Course Description (applies to new courses or significantly changed courses only): This course provides an introduction to the Christian practice of worship. Like all Christian practices, worship is a dynamic, social, human activity that responds to the eternally prior activity of the God who brought Israel out of Egypt and raised Jesus Christ from the dead (Robert Jenson). Over the length of this course, then, we will grapple with many diverse aspects of Christian worship, including the relationship between worship and theology, the history of worship, contemporary matters, and basic considerations for planning public worship.

Course Requirements:

- Students should expect to read at most 1,000 pages of required reading.
- Students should expect to write at most 20 double-spaced pages. These will be comprised of the following:
  1. A book review (2 pages): grade included in class presentation
  2. Two reflection papers (6 pages total): 10% (5% each)
  3. A final paper (12 pages): 35%
- In addition to reading, writing and class participation, students should expect to produce or participate in these additional graded learning activities:
  1. 3 quizzes: 30% (10% each)
  2. 1 or 2 in-class presentations (depending on enrollment): 15%
  3. Class participation: 10%

Required Texts: