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## Anderson's "Common worship: Tradition, formation, mission" (book review)

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# Book Reviews

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Anderson, E. B. (2017). *Common worship: Tradition, formation, mission*. Nashville: Foundery Books. 176 pp. \$39.99. ISBN 9780938162223.

E. Byron Anderson, Professor of Worship at Garrett–Evangelical Theological Seminary, seeks to recapture something of the ecumenical momentum of the early 1980s in which shared “patterns and practices” expressed something of the common faith of the church. Anderson longs for churches, Catholic and Protestant, to think and speak “conjunctively” and with discernment. He identifies five “themes” that he believes are key in overcoming the polarizations present in the life of the church: tradition, habit, canon, unity, and mission. These themes form the outline of the book. Drawing deeply from his tradition in the United Methodist Church, St. Paul’s letter to the Corinthians, and theological insight from sources as diverse as Jaroslav Pelikan and Chris E. W. Green, Anderson has written an engaging work that offers a compelling argument for how Christians might be drawn toward common worship. Highly recommended for all college and university collections.

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