

HOME SERVICE

March 22, 2020

Introduction to the Services

Though we cannot meet together as a large group, we still want to encourage and invite you to participate with us in worship from afar. If you are healthy, haven't recently travelled, or are not under self-isolation/quarantine, **gather together with your family, a small group (10 people or less) of friends.** Maintain social distancing mechanisms and AHS guidelines.

For this service you will need:

- 1) This service outline
- 2) The prayer requests in the bulletin (you can find it on the bridge)
If you cannot find the bulletin, don't panic, you can speak your own prayers.
- 3) The YouTube video
- 4) You can choose to load the YouTube songs suggested in the outline, and/or decide which songs your group might like to sing together.
You can find the playlist on our YouTube site under the Playlist tab, or here:
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLFvhkFE60fKOYO2CUnO8aA09Wi4aqcclo>
- 5) A candle and a lighter, or a flameless candle (optional)

We are inviting you to participate and do the responsive readings and prayer requests with those you're gathered together with because church and worship are not meant to be something we consume, but something we participate in. We recognize you might find some of this uncomfortable or strange, however we invite you to try it and experience God's presence with you even now.

Before you begin, please decide who will lead you through the: call to worship, confession and assurance. Please note you can allow many people to lead.

*Dayna and Chad recognize this is an experiment and will probably evolve over time. We invite constructive feedback—what about this format works and what was hard for you at home?

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Welcome and Greeting

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Call to Worship:

Lent calls us to journey, this and every day,
following Jesus wherever he leads us.

We are called to journey,

We come together, trusting that God is still speaking.

Lent calls us to practice justice,
to bring God's hope to all people.

We hear the call to do justice

We wait in hope for God's restoration to come

Lent calls each of us to take up our cross,
to trust the One who bears it with us.

We walk towards the cross

We celebrate the power of God which restores us

Lent calls us to worship together,
to tell the good news.

We gather today

**We worship together, the God who walks is with us in our stories
this day and everyday.**

Light a candle:

If you have a candle, light it now and say:

*We light this candle to remind us that God is among us and Christ
lives within us.*

Greeting: *Speak it to each person around the room.*

One person: The peace of Christ be with you.

The other: And also with you

Song of Praise: *Watch some of these or sing another of your choosing*

In Feast and Fallow, Sandra McCracken

<https://youtu.be/NR15L9aBvAo>

How Deep the Father's Love for us

<https://youtu.be/nR-N Oh4uNg>

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Congregational Prayer:

*We'll ask you to add some of your own prayers or to pray for those in the
bulletin.*

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Offering:

While we're not giving our offerings in person this week, take a moment of silence to think about how you can serve Christ where you find yourself this week.

You might offer your time by checking in with neighbors and friends. You can see if someone needs to be prayed for, or given a word of encouragement or comfort to those who are anxious. You can offer your treasures—sharing your food, toilet paper, cleaning supplies with those who are running low, by donating online to our church or other non-profit organisations, and by assisting those who are in financial difficulty.

Children's Song: *If you have kids in your midst, we encourage you to sing this.*

Hold me Jesus, Hold me Jesus
When I'm too tired to walk or need to have a talk
Hold me Jesus, Hold me Jesus
Safe in your arms I'll be, if you hold me.

Song: *Watch and sing*

Were You There

<https://youtu.be/fpSSclCWJ9M>

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Scripture: Mark 14:10-11, 14:43-52, Mark 14:43-51

Sermon: "Were you there when Jesus was Sold?"

**Sermon outline found at the end of all this*

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Song of Response:

Ain't No Grave

<https://youtu.be/nGncW ueyHA>

Prayer of Confession and Lament:

Our world seems to be driven by suspicion
repeated betrayals
and abuses of power.

It is difficult to face injustice
so we turn our heads away
choosing to remain ignorant.

We approach the cross

longing for your kingdom to come.

Creation groans
under the cries of broken promises.

**We lift our hands praying
restore this world.**

We think we can do everything on our own.
Self-reliance and pride stand in our way
of accepting that grace alone sets us free.

**My eyes are downcast
realizing I am part of the brokenness.**

Our hands reach into the cup as we betray God
by ignoring his call to live out justice.

Our voices are silent
when we should shout out
his love and forgiveness instead--

I hear my voice cry "Crucify Him".

Words of Assurance:

As we journey to the cross aware of the
Brokenness of the world and our own sinfulness
Jesus' voice cries out "Father, forgive them"
He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross,
so that free from sins,
we might live for righteousness;
by his wounds we have been healed.

Romans 5:8, 1 Peter 2:24

**Through Jesus we are forgiven,
Reconciled to the Father,
And given new life.**

**We are confident
that the light
which shines in the present darkness
will fill the earth
when Christ appears.
Come, Lord Jesus.
Our world belongs to you.**

Our World Belongs to God 6

Song:

I am not my own
<https://youtu.be/ucAwZe53Yvo>

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Parting Blessing:

The peace of the Lord Christ go with you, wherever he may send you.

May he guide you through the wilderness and protect you through the storm.

May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you.

May he bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors.

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Song:

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

<https://youtu.be/gLamGZjelSU>

SERMON NOTES

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Were You There When Jesus Was Sold?

“Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, “Rabbi!” and kissed him.

The men seized Jesus and arrested him.”

(Mark 14:45–46, NIV)

1. The spiritual forces of evil organised against Jesus, and recruited others to help them.
 - a. What “powers” do we see at work? Who is complicit? How have we (you) been like them?
 - 1)
 - 2)
 - 3)
2. Jesus’s death and resurrection _____ these powers and _____ from them.
 - a. How does Jesus respond to these forces?
 - i. Why?
 - b. How did (does) this change the community that follows him?
 - c. How might this change the way you live?