

MUMC At-Home Worship:

March 15, 2020

I'm so glad you're taking this opportunity in a unique season to still participate in worship as Christians have done for thousands of years in all manner of times. While we are not together as a full congregation, I encourage you to gather a small group of family or neighbors to walk through the worship outline below.

A few notes that might help:

1. Hymns are listed with the number in the hymnal as well as a link to a YouTube video. It might feel silly, but I encourage singing along!
2. Share the speaking parts as much as possible! There are enough prayers and scriptures for multiple readers.
3. In the reflection, read the questions aloud and see what the gathered body thinks. There may not be right or wrong answers – just a chance to think deeply!

If you use it, I'd love to hear your experience to improve future weeks!

-Pastor Dillon

If available, place a candle in the center of your gathering space and light it with this prayer:

Dear God, open our hearts to enter into your presence with worship and praise. Open our eyes to your Spirit among us. In Christ's name, Amen.

Hymn: *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*, Hymnal #404 – [listen/sing online](#)

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 5:12-24

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Reflect:

1. What might it look like today to comfort the discouraged (verse 14)?
2. The instruction to “rejoice always” (verse 16) seems difficult. Why might it be important to rejoice in difficult times? What are some practices you use to rejoice when you don't feel like it?
3. What are some ways we might support one another as we “hang on to what is good” and “avoid every kind of evil” (verse 21-22)?

Hymn: *Great is Thy Faithfulness*, Hymnal #140 – [listen/sing online](#)

Prayer Request: Share prayer requests and have a moment of silent prayer

Lord's Prayer

Hymn: *It Is Well with My Soul*, Hymnal #377 – [listen/sing online](#)

Closing Prayer:

Dear God, as we leave this time of worship, may our hearts remain with you. Send your Spirit with us that we might shine your light wherever we go. In Christ's name, Amen. (*Blow out the candle*)