

MUMC At-Home Worship:

March 22, 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 with lyrics on the following page(s). If you have internet access, the version of this guide on our website has links to YouTube recordings of the songs!
2. Share the speaking parts as much as possible! There are enough prayers and scriptures for multiple readers. Scripture readings are also printed on the following page(s).
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: *In the Garden*, United Methodist Hymnal #314 – [watch/listen here](#)

Scripture: Psalm 146

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Reflect:

1. How might it look to praise the Lord with all of our life (verse 2)?
2. The instruction not to trust human leaders (verse 3) is directly related to trusting God instead (verse 5). How might putting our ultimate trust in God change our relationship with our leaders?
3. God cares for the vulnerable, including gives bread to the starving (verse 7) and helps the widows and orphans (verse 9). How might we participate in God's caring work this week?

Hymn: *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*, United Methodist Hymnal #521 – [watch/listen here](#)

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

Lord's Prayer

Hymn: *Blessed Assurance*, United Methodist Hymnal #369 – [watch/listen here](#)

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*)

In the Garden

United Methodist Hymnal #314

1. I come to the garden alone
while the dew is still on the roses,
and the voice I hear falling on my ear
the Son of God discloses.

Refrain:

And he walks with me, and he talks with me,
and he tells me I am his own;
and the joy we share as we tarry there,
none other has ever known.

2. He speaks, and the sound of his voice,
is so sweet the birds hush their singing,
and the melody that he gave to me
within my heart is ringing. (Refrain)
3. I'd stay in the garden with him
though the night around me be falling,
but he bids me go; thru the voice of woe
his voice to me is calling. (Refrain)

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Psalm 146 (CEB)

Praise the Lord!

Let my whole being praise the Lord!
I will praise the Lord with all my life;
I will sing praises to my God as long as I live.

Don't trust leaders;
don't trust any human beings—
there's no saving help with them!
Their breath leaves them,
then they go back to the ground.
On that very same day, their plans die too.

The person whose help is the God of Jacob—
the person whose hope rests
on the Lord their God—
is truly happy!

God: the maker of heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them,

God: who is faithful forever,
who gives justice to people who are oppressed,
who gives bread to people who are starving!

The Lord: who frees prisoners.

The Lord: who makes the blind see.

The Lord: who straightens up those
who are bent low.

The Lord: who loves the righteous.

The Lord: who protects immigrants,
who helps orphans and widows,

but who makes the way of the wicked
twist and turn!

The Lord will rule forever!

Zion, your God will rule from one generation
to the next!

Praise the Lord!

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I Want Jesus to Walk with Me
United Methodist Hymnal #521

1. I want Jesus to walk with me.
I want Jesus to walk with me.
All along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
2. In my trials, Lord, walk with me.
In my trials, Lord, walk with me
When my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
3. When I'm troubled, Lord, walk with me.
When I'm troubled, Lord, walk with me.
When my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

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Blessed Assurance
United Methodist Hymnal #369

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain:
This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.
2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.
(Refrain)
3. Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.
(Refrain)

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