

MUMC At-Home Worship:

June 21, 2020

Hello friends! As we continue worshipping from home, our church leadership has been looking to the future and making plans for a return to in-person worship. While the details are still being worked out, we anticipate resuming worship in the sanctuary within three weeks of when the Governor moves us to stage 5, allowing indoor groups of up to 50 people. When this is announced, we'll share a specific date of return!

We do understand that there will be some in the congregation who will choose to continue worshipping from home for their own safety. For this reason, even when we return to in-person worship, we will continue to offer this at-home guide for as long as you desire. We'll also continue live streaming our worship each week! We're glad to continue worshipping together in every way we can.

-Pastor Dillon

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

Dear God, may our worship center us in your living presence and strengthen us for the week to come. In the name of the risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

Hymn: *Open My Eyes, That I May See*, United Methodist Hymnal #454 – [watch/listen here](#)

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 19

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Lectio Divina: This week, we invite you use the four movements of the ancient practice of Lectio Divina (“Sacred Reading”), reading the psalm each time and using the guidance listen for God’s voice.

1. *Read (Lectio):* on the first reading, go slowly and prayerfully to hear the words without any intention to discern or determine anything particular from the scripture. After the reading, allow of time of silence to open yourself to God’s Spirit.
2. *Receive (Meditatio):* reading the psalm again, listen for a particular word or phrase that stands out or that you are drawn to. After the reading, reflect on why God may have pointed you to this word or phrase.
3. *Respond (Oratio):* reading the psalm again, listen for an invitation from God to respond in some way, whether letting something go or taking something up, whether to do something or to be something. After the reading, continue to listen for this invitation and then respond from your heart.
4. *Rest (Contemplatio):* during this final reading of the psalm, simply rest in the love that God has for you and let the words wash over you. Let God’s Spirit draw you close and fill you with love, grace, and peace. Linger here for as long as you like before continuing in worship.

Hymn: *Take Time to Be Holy*, United Methodist Hymnal #395 – [watch/listen here](#)

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

Lord’s Prayer

Hymn: *Standing on the Promises*, United Methodist Hymnal #374 – [watch/listen here](#)

Closing Prayer:

Holy God, we rest in the strong foundation of your love. No matter the circumstances around us, may we find worship in our everyday. In Christ’s name we pray, Amen. (*Blow out the candle*)

Open My Eyes, That I May See
United Methodist Hymnal #454

1. Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!
2. Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear;
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!
3. Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

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Psalm 19 (CEB)

Heaven is declaring God’s glory;
the sky is proclaiming his handiwork.
One day gushes the news to the next,
and one night informs another
what needs to be known.
Of course, there’s no speech, no words—
their voices can’t be heard—
but their sound extends throughout the world;
their words reach the ends of the earth.

God has made a tent in heaven for the sun.
The sun is like a groom
coming out of his honeymoon suite;
like a warrior, it thrills at running its course.
It rises in one end of the sky;
its circuit is complete at the other.
Nothing escapes its heat.

The Lord’s Instruction is perfect,
reviving one’s very being.
The Lord’s laws are faithful,
making naive people wise.
The Lord’s regulations are right,
gladdening the heart.
The Lord’s commands are pure,
giving light to the eyes.
Honoring the Lord is correct,
lasting forever.
The Lord’s judgments are true.
All of these are righteous!
They are more desirable than gold—
than tons of pure gold!
They are sweeter than honey—
even dripping off the honeycomb!

No doubt about it:
your servant is enlightened by them;
there is great reward in keeping them.
But can anyone know
what they’ve accidentally done wrong?
Clear me of any unknown sin
and save your servant from willful sins.
Don’t let them rule me.
Then I’ll be completely blameless;
I’ll be innocent of great wrongdoing.

Let the words of my mouth
and the meditations of my heart
be pleasing to you,
Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

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Take Time to Be Holy

United Methodist Hymnal #395

1. Take time to be holy,
speak oft with thy Lord;
abide in him always,
and feed on his word.
Make friends of God's children,
help those who are weak,
forgetting in nothing
his blessing to seek.
2. Take time to be holy,
the world rushes on;
spend much time in secret
with Jesus alone.
By looking to Jesus,
like him thou shalt be;
thy friends in thy conduct
his likeness shall see.
3. Take time to be holy,
let him be thy guide,
and run not before him,
whatever betide.
In joy or in sorrow,
still follow the Lord,
and, looking to Jesus,
still trust in his word.
4. Take time to be holy,
be calm in thy soul,
each thought and each motive
beneath his control.
Thus led by his spirit
to fountains of love,
thou soon shalt be fitted
for service above.

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ca. 1882, and are in the public domain.*

Standing on the Promises

United Methodist Hymnal #374

1. Standing on the promises of Christ my King,
through eternal ages let his praises ring;
glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
standing on the promises of God.

Refrain:
Standing, standing,
standing on the promises of God my Savior;
standing, standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God.
2. Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
when the howling storms of doubt and fear
assail,
by the living Word of God I shall prevail,
standing on the promises of God. (*Refrain*)
3. Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,
bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,
overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,
standing on the promises of God. (*Refrain*)
4. Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
listening every moment to the Spirit's call,
resting in my Savior as my all in all,
standing on the promises of God. (*Refrain*)

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