



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 13, 2020

Morning Worship

9:30 A.M.

The Prelude

Adore and Be Still
(Gounod, arr. L. Smith)

Just as I am, Without One Plea
(Hymn #453, arr. Berry)

The Welcome and Announcements

The Preparation for Worship

What Blessedness Belongs to Him
(Hymn #32A)

What blessedness belongs to him who truly is forgiv'n, for whom transgressions have been cleared, and covered is his sin.
How blessed is the one the LORD accuses not of sin, the man without deceit and guile, whose heart is pure within.

You pardoned my iniquity and took my guilt away; and therefore while you may be found, let godly people pray.
The gush of torrents will not harm; you hide me, give me peace. You keep me safe, surrounding me with songs of my release.

† The Call to Worship

Psalm 36:7-9

Leader: How precious is your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

All: They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.
For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light.

† The Hymn of Adoration

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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† The Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth,
As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

† The Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell*; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;** the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**this refers to the realm of the dead, not the place of punishment.*

***"catholic" means "universal" church, the true church in all times and places.*

† The Gloria Patri

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, amen.

The Call to Repentance

Isaiah 6:1-5, Church Bible, pg. 571

The Silent Confession of Personal Sins

The Corporate Confession of Sin

Lord God, eternal and almighty Father: We acknowledge before your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt and in corruption, prone to do evil, unable of our own power to do good. Because of our sin, we endlessly violate your holy commandments. But, O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and turn away from all our offenses. We condemn ourselves and our evil ways, with true sorrow asking that your grace will relieve our distress. Have compassion on us, most gracious God, Father of mercies, for the sake of your son Jesus Christ our Lord. And in removing our guilt, also grant us daily increase of the grace of your Holy Spirit and produce in us the fruits of holiness and of righteousness pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Adapted from *John Calvin's Geneva Liturgy of 1543*)

The Assurance of Pardon

Philippians 3:8-9, Church Bible, pg. 981

The New Testament Reading

Luke 18:9-14, Church Bible, pg. 877

† The Psalter

What Blessedness Belongs to Him

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The Prayer of Intercession and Dedication

Mr. Joe Steele

The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory

Holy God, We Praise Your Name
(Hymn #229, arr. Berry)

The Prayer for Illumination

The Proclamation of the Word of God

“Ezra in Prayer, Part II”
Ezra 9:5-15

Mr. Joe Steele

Church Bible, pg. 395

† The Hymn of Response

What Wondrous Love Is This

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† The Benediction

† The Doxology

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav’nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

† The Postlude

A Joyous Benediction
(D. Paxton)

Ms. Bertha Dykstra

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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1. Come, thou fount of ev-'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2. Here I raise my Eb-en - e - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;
 3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai-ly I'm con-strained to be;

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.

Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a - bove;
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God:
 Prone to wan - der—Lord, I feel it—prone to leave the God I love:

praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

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What Blessedness Belongs to Him

1. ¹What bless - ed - ness be - longs to him who tru - ly is for - giv'n,
 2. ³I lan - guished, si - lent in my guilt; my days were filled with groans.
 3. You par - doned my in - iq - ui - ty and took my guilt a - way;
 4. ⁸In - struc - tion I will give to you, and teach the way to go.
 5. ¹⁰The sor - rows of the wick - ed man in num - ber shall a - bound,
 for whom trans - gres - sions have been cleared, and cov - ered is his sin.
 4Your hand on me pressed day and night, and heat dried up my bones.
 • 6and there - fore while you may be found, let god - ly peo - ple pray.
 My watch - ful eye will guide your steps; my coun - sel you will know.
 but those who trust in God the LORD, his mer - cy will sur - round.

²How bless - ed is the one the LORD ac - cus - es not of sin,
⁵My tres - pass - es to you I owned, hid not my wick - ed - ness;
 • The gush of tor - rents will not harm; ⁷you hide me, give me peace.
⁹Be not like sense - less mule or horse, which can - not un - der - stand,
¹¹Be glad, you righ - teous, shout for joy, and give the LORD your praise!

the man with - out de - ceit and guile, whose heart is pure with - in.
 I said, "I will be - fore the LORD trans - gres - sions now con - fess."
 • You keep me safe, sur - round - ing me with songs of my re - lease.
 with bit and bri - dle must be curbed to fol - low your com - mand.
 With up - right hearts, O saints of God, your joy - ful songs up - raise!

What Wondrous Love Is This

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1. What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what
 2. When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when
 3. To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to
 4. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won - drous love is
 I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down; when I was sink - ing
 God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to God and to the Lamb
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm

this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread - ful curse for my
 down be - neath God's righ - teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
 Lamb, who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
 free, I'll sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul!
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul!
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing!
 on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on!



WESTMINSTER
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September 13, 2020
Evening Worship
6:00 P.M.

The Prelude

Trusting Jesus
(Sankey, arr. M. Wilson)

Fairest Lord Jesus
(Hymn #283, arr. Schwarz)

The Welcome and Announcements

† **Call to Worship**

Isaiah 55:6-7

Leader: Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near;

All: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the LORD,
that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

† **The Hymn of Praise**

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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† **The Invocation**

Encouraging One Another with Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs

Psalm of the Month

The LORD in Your Distress Attend

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† Hymn

Arise, My Soul, Arise

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The Confession of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q. 21.

Leader: Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?

All: The only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man,
and so was, and continueth to be, God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, forever.

The Prayer of Intercession

Mr. Tom Adams

The Offertory

That Man is Blest
(Hymn #1, arr. Grotenhuis)

The Proclamation of the Word of God

Mr. Sean McGowan

"A Lesson in Confession"
Jonah 2:1-10

Church Bible, pg. 774

† **The Psalter**

God, Be Merciful to Me

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† **The Benediction**

† **The Doxology**

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† **The Postlude**

Now Blessed Be Jehovah God
(Hymn #564)

Ms. Bertha Dykstra

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



1. O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my great Re - deem - er's praise,
2. My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,
3. Je - sus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sor - rows cease;
4. He breaks the pow'r of reign - ing sin, he sets the pris - 'ner free;
5. He speaks, and lis - t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive;

the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace.
to spread thro' all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.
• 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
his blood can make the foul - est clean, his blood a - vailed for me.
the mourn - ful, bro - ken hearts re - joice; the hum - ble poor be - lieve.

6. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
your loosen'd tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your Savior come;
and leap, ye lame, for joy.

7. To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n;
by saints below and saints above,
the Church in earth and heav'n.

Charles Wesley, 1739; alt.
alt. 1961

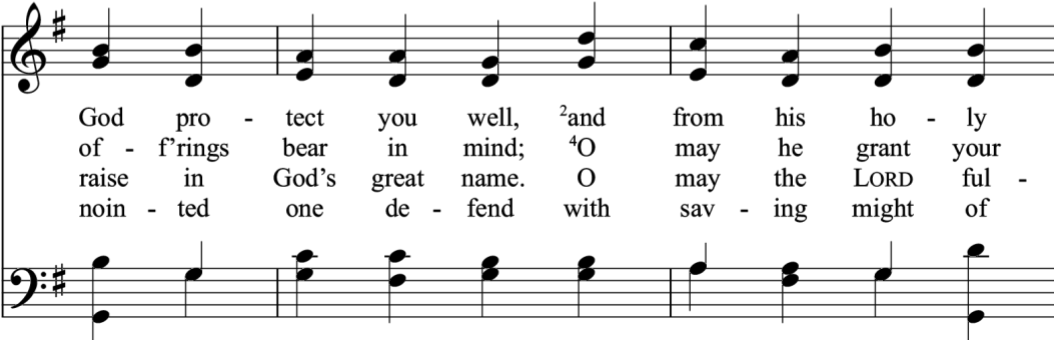
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Carl G. Glaser, 1784-1829
arr. by Lowell Mason, 1839

The LORD in Your Distress Attend

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1. ¹The LORD in your dis - tress at - tend; may Ja - cob's
 2. ³May he re - gard your sac - ri - fice, and all your
 3. ⁵May we in your sal - va - tion joy, our ban - ners
 4. ⁶And this I know: the LORD will save and his a -



God pro - tect you well, ²and from his ho - ly
 of - f'nings bear in mind; ⁴O may he grant your
 raise in God's great name. O may the LORD ful -
 noin - ted one de - fend with sav - ing might of



place send help and strength - en you from Zi - on's hill.
 heart's de - sire, ful - fill - ing all that you de - signed.
 fill your prayers and grant you all you ask of him.
 his right hand, from ho - ly heav'n an an - swer send.

5. ⁷In chariots some have confidence,
 and some in horses take their pride,
 but we boast only one defense:
 the name of God, the LORD Most High.

6. ⁸Now we arise and stand upright,
 while they, subdued and helpless, fall.
⁹O by your hand, LORD, save the king,
 and may he answer when we call.

Arise, My Soul, Arise

1. A - rise, my soul, a - rise, shake off your guilt - y fears;
 2. He ev - er lives a - bove, for me to in - ter - cede,
 3. Five bleed - ing wounds he bears, re - ceived on Cal - va - ry;
 4. My God is rec - on - ciled; his par - d'ning voice I hear;

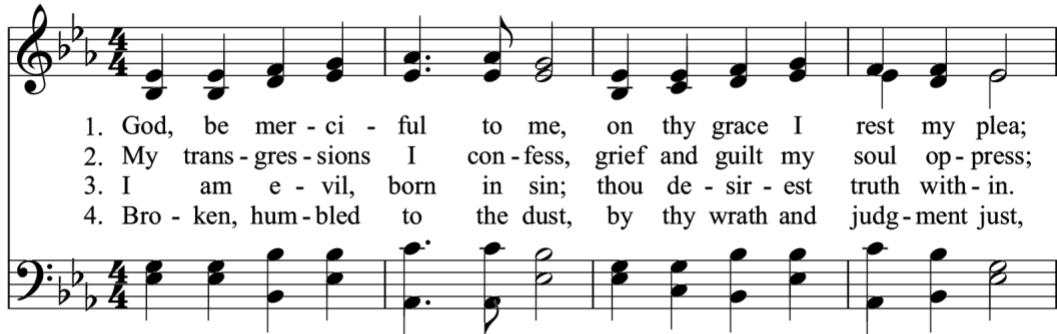
the bleed - ing Sac - ri - fice in my be - half ap - pears:
 his all - re - deem - ing love, his pre - cious blood to plead;
 they pour ef - fec - tual prayers, they strong - ly plead for me.
 he owns me for his child, I can no lon - ger fear;

be - fore the throne my Sure - ty stands, be - fore the throne my
 his blood a - toned for ev - 'ry race, his blood a - toned for
 "For - give him, O for - give," they cry, "for - give him, O for -
 with con - fi - dence I now draw nigh, with con - fi - dence I

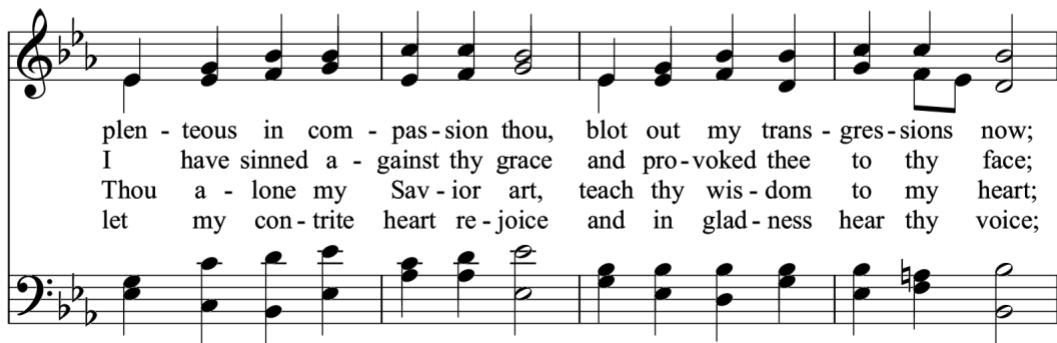
Sure - ty stands, my name is writ - ten on his hands.
 ev - 'ry race, and sprin - kles now the throne of grace.
 give," they cry, "nor let that ran - somed sin - ner die!"
 now draw nigh, and "Fa - ther, Ab - ba, Fa - ther!" cry.

God, Be Merciful to Me

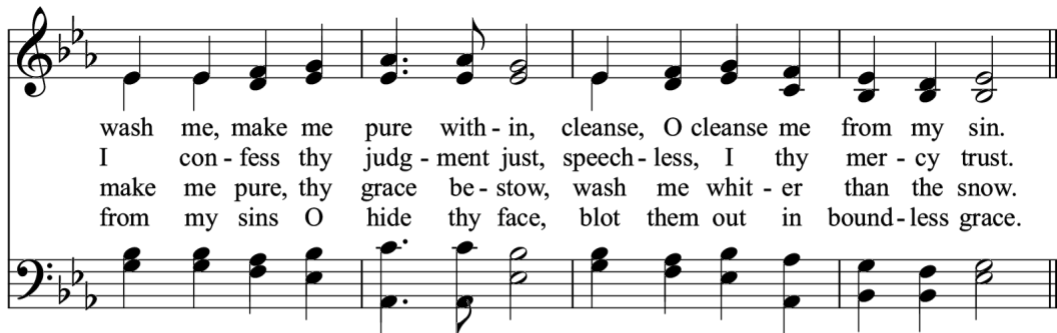
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1. God, be mer - ci - ful to me, on thy grace I rest my plea;
 2. My trans - gres - sions I con - fess, grief and guilt my soul op - press;
 3. I am e - vil, born in sin; thou de - sir - est truth with - in.
 4. Bro - ken, hum - bled to the dust, by thy wrath and judg - ment just,



plen - teous in com - pas - sion thou, blot out my trans - gres - sions now;
 I have sinned a - gainst thy grace and pro - voked thee to thy face;
 Thou a - lone my Sav - ior art, teach thy wis - dom to my heart;
 let my con - trite heart re - joice and in glad - ness hear thy voice;



wash me, make me pure with - in, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.
 I con - fess thy judg - ment just, speech - less, I thy mer - cy trust.
 make me pure, thy grace be - stow, wash me whit - er than the snow.
 from my sins O hide thy face, blot them out in bound - less grace.

5. Gracious God, my heart renew,
 make my spirit right and true;
 cast me not away from thee,
 let thy Spirit dwell in me;
 thy salvation's joy impart,
 steadfast make my willing heart.

6. Sinners then shall learn from me
 and return, O God, to thee;
 Savior, all my guilt remove,
 and my tongue shall sing thy love;
 touch my silent lips, O Lord,
 and my mouth shall praise accord.

7. Not the formal sacrifice
 hath acceptance in thine eyes;
 broken hearts are in thy sight
 more than sacrificial rite;
 contrite spirit, pleading cries,
 thou, O God, wilt not despise.

8. Prosper Zion in thy grace
 and her broken walls replace;
 then our righteous sacrifice
 shall delight thy holy eyes;
 free-will off'rings, gladly made,
 on thine altar shall be laid.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS IN MORNING BULLETIN
THIS WEEK & BEYOND**

September 13, 2020

Adult Growth Groups: Many of our small group Bible studies have resumed meeting or will be meeting soon while practicing social distancing. If your group is currently meeting and is not listed below, please contact the church office so we can update this information.

- Crown Club is meeting on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month from 10:00 – 12:00 in the church lobby. Contact Brad Alstadt for more information.
- Men's Bible studies – visit <https://wpc-hsv.org/mens-ministry/>
- Women's Bible studies: - visit <https://wpc-hsv.org/womens-ministry/>

Calling all Singers!! COVID won't stop us from singing!! It's time to start choir back! Let's gather on Wednesdays at 6:30. We will use the sanctuary to maintain social distance but we will remove our masks so we can enunciate and see one another's mouths! We invite all singers whose voices have matured (typically 9th grade and up). While we would prefer that you can read music, we can teach you on the fly! Contact Tom Adams at 256.797.5656 or teadams102557@gmail.com for more information.

Nursery Volunteers: The nursery is looking for volunteers for the morning worship service, Sunday school hour and evening worship for our infant, toddler and preschool class. If you would like to volunteer or if you are already a volunteer and wish to come off the list or change your normal schedule, please let Jessica Perez know at jessica.perez@wpc-hsv.org.

Prayer & Praise email: If you are unable to attend corporate worship in person, we still want for you to make your prayer requests known so that we can pray for one another. Send your prayer or praise requests to office@wpc-hsv.org and write "Prayer Request" in the subject line. If you would like your prayer request to remain confidential, then please annotate as such. Please submit all prayer requests no later than 4:00 p.m. each Monday. We will continue to publish our weekly prayer and praise email on Tuesday of each week.

Security: Men, the church is in need of additional volunteers to provide building security during events for the women's ministry. Responsibilities simply include monitoring the side entrance and ensuring that only appropriate attendees are allowed in; ensure the door is locked/latched when you depart. To sign up to serve in this capacity, go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094fada929a5f49-security>

Sunday School: We are pleased to announce we will begin offering Sunday school for children and youth beginning September 20th. We will also resume offering Nursery for all ages during both services and the Sunday school hour. Please see the weekly email or website for more details.

Wednesday Night Prayer: Please join us for a time of prayer on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 – 7:15 p.m. in the church Narthex. Due to COVID restrictions, we won't be offering a meal or children's services at this time. We are working to create a virtual option for those that are not ready to participate in person. If you would like to participate in a prayer group virtually, please send an email to prayer@wpc-hsv.org.

Youth Group: Youth Group will start meeting again on Wednesday, September 16th from 6:30 – 7:30. Due to COVID restrictions, we will not be providing a meal but Nick Robison will be teaching. More details will be coming soon. Contact Eric Fulcher if you have any questions.

Youth Parents: There will be a meeting for parents of Middle and High Schoolers this Sunday, September 13th at 4:45 p.m. in the parlor. We will be discussing plans for the fall and providing an overview for parents new to this age group.

SAVE THE DATE:

- Fall Family Picnic at Monte Sano (October 10, 2020)
- Family Conference (October 23-25, 2020)
- Women's Hinged Conference (November 6-7, 2020)
- Men's Conference with Rick Phillips (November 14, 2020)

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Home Worship Guide

Beloved congregation,

The ongoing coronavirus pandemic is affecting every family, business, and institution in our country. Even churches like ours are not exempt from its life-altering influence. As you know, Westminster Presbyterian Church has a deep commitment to the Bible-mandated practice of corporate worship on the Lord's Day. As much as we would love to continue assembling as a unified body every week, we know it is necessary to do our part to protect the members of this body and the community around us by honoring social distancing recommendations. Therefore, our parishioners will need to worship with us corporately via Livestream until further notice.

One of the benefits of being able to worship together in our beautiful sanctuary is that it naturally engenders a corporate atmosphere of reverence mingled with joy. Visible markers of corporate reverence include our rising together during the invocation, the offering up of solemn prayers, periods of sustained silence, and attentive listening. Visible markers of corporate joy include the vigorous singing of praises, heartfelt confession of creeds, delighting in the assurance of pardon, and offering up of tithes and offerings.

Our goal during this challenging season is to retain as much of this corporate worship experience as we possibly can. Please use the suggestions in this guide to help you toward this end.

As you follow along with the streamed worship, we encourage you to worship at home just as you would at church. For this to happen, you will need to be intentional about the following:

- Find a place in your home that is devoid of unnecessary distractions. Be careful about not allowing your smartphone, tablet, radio, pets, magazines, or anything else to divert your attention from worshipping the Triune God in Spirit and truth.
- Have your Bible and worship bulletin readily accessible. We have slightly modified our bulletin to facilitate easy viewing and printing at home. We strongly recommend having printed copies of the bulletin for your family members, especially the children.
- Dress appropriately as a means of rightly framing your mind toward the task at hand. For most people, it will be difficult to foster a serious and contemplative attitude of worship if they are lounging around in pajamas. How we dress has a profound influence on our behavior.
- Unless providentially hindered, be sure to stand with the congregation when asked to do so. Standing will unite your posture with the gathered assembly and also serve as a natural deterrent to laziness.
- Audibly participate in all corporate prayers, confessions, and singing. The purpose of our Livestream worship service is to glorify God, not to be entertained. There is no such thing as a "passenger" in the worship of God. He has created everything to be participating actively in his praise (Psalm 148).
- Participate in pastoral prayers by bowing your head, closing your eyes, and agreeing silently with the prayers offered up to God. Don't use this as a time to recharge your coffee cups.
- Every Livestream service will still contain an offertory hymn. We urge you to use this time to make an online offering or write a check for later mailing. Even though we cannot meet together, our church and missionaries are still very much dependent on your regular tithes and offerings.
- Participate in sermons by actively listening and engaging with the text of Holy Scripture.
- In sum, approach this Livestream worship service precisely as you would if you were present in the sanctuary.

Beloved, these are challenging times, but they afford us a unique opportunity to express our corporate solidarity as God's redeemed people. Many of our friends, neighbors, and co-workers remain blind to the glorious Gospel of our crucified and risen Savior. The confusion and fear of the unbelievers around us will likely increase during this season of uncertainty. Please invite them to join us in corporate worship. In doing so, you will be offering real hope to their imperiled souls.

~Pastor Joe