

Suggestions for making Worship by Wire more meaningful

1. Prepare a space for worship. This might include setting out symbols of our faith. For example:
 - A family Bible
 - Candles that you light at the beginning of your worship time
 - One or more crosses
 - A bowl of water – to remember your baptism
 - A chalice and some bread
 - A picture of Jesus, a saint or a beautiful place – perhaps of the outdoors.
 - Whatever will help you prepare for and experience worship.
2. Before watching the video, download the bulletin and hymns. Print them if you have a printer
3. Set aside 60-90 minutes of uninterrupted time to prepare for and be fully present for worship
4. If you have family members in the same household with whom you normally worship, coordinate so that all members of the family can be available to watch the worship video and participate in worship at the same time and in the same space.
5. If you have friends and/or family not living in your home with whom you normally sit for worship, call them ahead of time. Ask if you can call them and keep them on speaker phone during the time you are watching the worship video and participating in worship. This will provide a sense of community and continuity with your usual Sunday worship pattern.
6. Take a moment to think of one or more friends, neighbors or acquaintances. Forward them the link to this webpage inviting them to your church's worship by wire.
7. If possible, stick to your normal worship time. In other words, if you normally attend the 8:30 service, gather with family and friends by phone at 8:20, pass out copies of the downloaded bulletin and hymns and go to this page of Myfaithunited.org to be ready to click play starting at 8:30.
8. Watch the video together and participate in worship as much as possible as you normally would. Read out loud the congregational responses to the call to worship and other liturgies. Sing the hymns. Share prayers with one another. If you need more time for sharing prayers, pause the video, then resume when you are ready.
9. When the video is over, fellowship with one another – in person or by phone. Ask each other "How are you doing?" and before you respond, think for a moment about how you really are doing. Listen and provide care for one another.
10. Before leaving the space, decide together when you will connect again. Wednesday night worship by wire starting at 6:20? Next Sunday? What time?
11. Download this week's devotion and activity resource to expand your worship experience based on the same scriptures and themes