



EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 12 WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

This format is our way of being in worship during this time we are apart. Though we may not be able to share time together, we can have a shared (common) experience knowing that others at CUMC will be participating in this same time of worship today.

We ask that you to print out this guide and place it alongside your computer or other device you will be using for viewing (be sure to view the video in your browser in order to print all the pages). We are trying to make worship interactive by having you take part in a couple guided activities rather than simply watch. We will be telling you when to pray the opening prayer, when to read the scripture lesson (be sure to have a Bible close by), and when to have a time of prayer for yourself and others. There are suggested videos for you to watch listed after the closing. They are musical offerings from our contemporary and sanctuary music folks, and videos that reinforce the theme or thought for the day. Please watch them. The worship experience is designed for 30 minutes. This video part of the experience today is 38 minutes long.

VIDEO: https://youtu.be/_1Xe4S6dpC4 (click [here](#))

Opening Prayer (pause the video and pray the prayer)

God of Grace and Glory, this past week has been one of mixed emotion. We greeted you with palm branches; we have sat at table with you to share a last supper; and we have witnessed your death on a simple wooden cross. Yet, on the third day, you come to us again in victory. By this we know that death is not the final word. As the sun boldly rises to meet the new day, so raise our lives on this Easter morning, for in you is our hope, our life and our joy. Praise be to the Risen Christ. Amen.

Scripture Lesson: John 20:1-18

(pause the video now and read the Lesson).

Children's Chat:

(supply your own jelly bean)

(parents, there is a Kid's Worship worksheet for you to print out and use with your children. Click [here](#) or can be found on www.carlislepaumc.org under GROW, Kids, Birth-5th grade, scroll down to Kids Worship, click on link).

Prayer Time:

Invitation to silent prayer with musical background (use this time to pray for what concerns you today). That time will be followed by the Pastoral Prayer, intercessions and the Lord's Prayer

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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

We **strongly** want to encourage you to pray the two Coronavirus Crisis prayers included at the end of this email at some point in your worship experience today. Our world needs you.

Meditation:

Are You For It? Or Are You Against It?

Closing

(listen to the medley of Easter hymns to close the experience for today).

Please continue to pray this week for:

Healing and Health: Shirley Garrison; Jim Knox on hospice care; Barbara Ligntner, sister of Bonnie Wiser; Nimmom family, missionaries in Burundi; Mila Williams; twin grandchildren of John and Linda Wain

Sympathies and Prayers: Family of Bill Alwood; Family of Creedon Pechart; Sheri and Jim Napoli & family on passing of their daughter; Tim & Sharon Sheaffer on the passing of Tim's mother Marilyn Morrow

Other Concerns: Armed forces and their families; Families suffering; Leadership of our church; Family, friends, neighbors, community, world, medical people, and any other concerns that come to you.

Suggested Worship Music:

"Because He Lives" - Bill & Gloria Gaither; Kerm Leitner, tenor soloist; Constance Leitner, organ. Click [here](#) or follow this link <https://youtu.be/rjebkbNPACS>

"Whom Shall I Fear" with Chris Gregory, Contemporary Worship Leader. Click [here](#) or follow this link <https://youtu.be/1JZoB8gf8UA>

Suggested Videos:

The Easter Story (a great retelling for the whole family). Click [here](#) or follow this link <https://youtu.be/YMEStSAsFM0>

Jesus Is Resurrected. Click [here](#).

Paul Harvey - an Easter story. Click [here](#) or follow this link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MIKetn7ZiNU&feature=youtu.be>

Easter Greetings from Carlisle UMC Staff. Click [here](#) or follow this link <https://youtu.be/s3s8Tdi5Xb4>.

REMEMBER: Faith over Fear. Prayer over Panic.

Think about sharing this video with others.

AN EASTER PRAYER:

When everything was dark and it seemed that the sun would never shine again, your love broke through. Your love was too strong, too wide, too deep for death to hold.

The sparks cast by your love dance and spread and burst forth with resurrection light.

Gracious God, we praise you for the light of new life made possible through Jesus.

We praise you for the light of new life that shone on the first witnesses of resurrection.

We praise you for the light of new life that continues to shine in our hearts today.

We pray that the Easter light of life, hope and joy, will live in us each day;

and that we will be bearers of that light into the lives of others.

Amen.

This prayer was composed by the Rev. Michaela Youngson, the Methodist Church of Britain.

OTHER PRAYERS YOU CAN PRAY:

A Coronavirus Prayer

Loving and healing God, I turn to you in prayer, confident that you are with us and with all people in every moment. I stand before you as a person people of hope, trusting in your care and protection. May your faithful love support us and soothe the anxiety of our hearts. Generous God, fill everyone with compassion and concern for others, young and old, that we may look after one another in these challenging days. Bring healing to those who are sick with the virus and be with their families. May those who have died rest in your eternal embrace. Comfort their family and friends. I pray for the world and in thanks for all those who will continue to work in the days ahead in so many fields of life for the sake of us all. Bless them and keep them safe. In Jesus' Name I pray. Amen.

A Prayer for Healthcare Workers during this time

Loving God, I place into your care all our doctors, nurses and healthcare workers medical researchers and others who are working tirelessly. Give them courage of heart and strength of mind and body. Keep them safe from harm. May they know our deep gratitude for all they are doing to heal and help those affected by the coronavirus. May they know your protection and peace. Bless them and their families in these challenging days. In Jesus' Name I pray. Amen.

Way You Can Be a Good Neighbor and Help:

If you want to help our Carlisle community in a real way during the crisis, The United Way has established a Carlisle Area Emergency Response Fund (CAER Fund) to meet the emerging and critical needs in our community by non-profit organizations in Carlisle (Project SHARE, CARES, Samaritan Fellowship, etc.). You can donate and find out more [here](#). Pastor Mira is on the team to distribute these gifts.

New way to giving to CUMC: Text to Give:

Text GIVE to 717-964-4111 to give to CUMC via text.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Daily and Online Devotionals

Upper Room - app, email, or Sight Psalms - <https://www.upperroom.org/devotionals>

You Version Bible - different devotional plans and options for groups via app

D365 - short daily devotions via app - www.d365.org

Reimagining Examen - Examen Prayer app - <http://reimaginingexamen.ignatianspirituality.com>

First 5 - Bible study app - <https://first5.org>

She Reads Truth or Girlfriends in God- for women online reading plans - <https://shereadstruth.com>

Pray As You Go - online or app (<https://pray-as-you-go.org/home/>)

Journeywithjesus.net