

MARCH 22 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 (email) and place it alongside your computer or other device you will be using for viewing. 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 is a suggested video for you to watch, as well as a way to add music to the experience today. This is new for us and we will be learning through this process and changing things as well go. We certainly would appreciate hearing from you about what worked and what didn't work in this experience. We will be working on the music piece as we move forward. The video part of the experience today is 21 minutes long.

(In the opening moments of the video, Pastor Jim says that our church offices will be open. That has now changed and our offices are now closed. We will let you know when they open again. We are still working, just not in the offices for now. We encourage you to contact our staff at their email addresses or cell phone numbers. We will be checking the mail daily. This video was made on Thursday of this past week.)

VIDEO: <https://youtu.be/vb86l53dcBE>

Opening Prayer

Lord, I begin my prayer with thanks to you for this day. I pray that I may I may be overwhelmed by your Presence. Bring a spirit of calm and peace to me just in this moment. Help me to remember that you are in control Help me to remember that you are bigger than all that is happening in my life and around the world. Hold me up Lord and give me the strength, courage, hope and faith that I need to not only live each day to the fullest, but be your instrument to serve others. Now guide me in my worship today. This I pray in Jesus Name. Amen.

Scripture Lesson:

1 Corinthians 13

Prayer Time:

Pastoral Prayer, Personnel Prayer and Intercessions

Please pray for:

Healing & Health: Bill Alwood, Beverly Haines, Creedon Peckert, Mila Williams

Sympathies & Prayers: Family of Ray (Rich Charette's brother-in-law); Family of Mary Etta Lindsay

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.

Children's Chat:

(supply your own jelly bean)

Meditation:

Faith, Hope and Love

Closing

Suggested Video: "Do not fear God is in control."

Suggested Music: Search YouTube for "sacred music" or "contemporary music" and listen to a few today.

REMEMBER: Faith over Fear. Prayer over Panic.

Think about sharing this video with others.

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.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name. Thy kingdom come. They 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.

The Prayer of St. Francis

**Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy;**

O Divine Master,

**Grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved as to love.**

**For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen**

Extract from Saint Patrick's Breastplate

Christ with me,

Christ before me,

Christ behind me,

Christ in me,

Christ beneath me,

Christ above me,

Christ on my right,

Christ on my left,

Christ when I lie down,

Christ when I sit down,

Christ when I arise,

Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,

Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,

Christ in every eye that sees me,

Christ in every ear that hears me.