

# Preparing for worship this Sunday

Dear Church Family,

You continue to be on my heart and in my prayers in this season. We learned a lot about what our limitations are for online worship and we are doing our best to curate a worship setting for the Zoom platform. This may shift from week to week as we continue to learn and as the situation in the world changes. Corporate worship continues to be a means of grace and I hope you will join us by phone or video in whatever ways you can.

**This week I want to encourage you to establish some rituals that can ground you in our time together. While you may of course always "come as you are" some suggestions for centering include:**

**Download/print the attached order of worship** so that you can follow along.

**Create sacred space:** Find a comfortable place free of distractions and consider how you might design an altar on a tabletop with a piece of cloth, a flower, a cross, light a candle, and your Bible.

**Read this week's Scripture passage** and mark it in your Bible. This week we will read Psalm 23 and John 9. <https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/texts.php?id=27>

**If you have children:** print out the attached bulletin which connects with the Psalm 23 reading and includes activities. I will focus on the Psalm during the children's message so feel free to review with them ahead of time if it helps.

**Get dressed:** You don't have to get dressed up, but wearing something different than you slept in helps to create a sense of transition.

**Prepare your heart:** Take a deep breathe in and out and settle into silence for a moment (or 5 before calling in).

**Present your offering:** As Park Slope United Methodist Church continues to operate in creative ways, your gifts and offerings are more important than ever. If you usually place your offering in the basket, please consider making a gift online: [parkslopeumc.net/give](https://parkslopeumc.net/give) or mailing a check to the church: 410 6th Avenue.

**Pass the peace:** When you sign in, use the chat box to say "Peace from the {name} home."

**Sing lustily:** John Wesley's instructions for singing are in the front of The United Methodist Hymnal. "Sing lustily and with good courage. Beware of singing as if you were half dead, or half asleep; but lift up your voice with strength." During the service we will put the words to hymns on the screen. Microphones will be muted but sing out loud knowing that our voices are joining together in one spirit.

**Pray:** There will be an opportunity to offer up prayers using the chat box in the Zoom program but if you want to send in a brief name or situation to be lifted up, please email it by the end of the day on Saturday to: [psumcadulted@gmail.com](mailto:psumcadulted@gmail.com).

**Pass the peace and have a treat** with others in your household after church or call someone who lives alone and share the time with them remotely.

We know that a lot can happen in a short period of time. Zoom and other platforms are being challenged to keep up with the increased traffic. If you can't access the video worship, try calling in instead. It might take several tries. The service will be recorded and posted so that you can participate later.

I am thankful for the leadership, ministers, and every member and friend who continues to keep God's church alive.

**This is the information for you to join us for worship on Sunday and for Sunday worship in the near future at 11:00am:**

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.  
Weekly: [https://zoom.us/meeting/upMsdu6rqT8t3xljO6d\\_inU49gt7zLkFIQ/ics?icsToken=98tyKu6vrzotGdORt1zHf7UtA9r\\_b8-5liJWg6lyyhvaCi5mNlrxlrVYHrlZHOmB](https://zoom.us/meeting/upMsdu6rqT8t3xljO6d_inU49gt7zLkFIQ/ics?icsToken=98tyKu6vrzotGdORt1zHf7UtA9r_b8-5liJWg6lyyhvaCi5mNlrxlrVYHrlZHOmB)

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Peace,

Rev. Melissa Hinnen