



A Meaningful At-Home Worship Experience

Greetings, dear friends! We are so glad that you have received these materials to help you stay grounded in love and hope in this strange and difficult season. We hope that reading these words, hearing the music, and engaging in these symbolic actions will help you navigate these times. Here are some notes that will help you prepare. The scripts are all in one document for you. Opening these on your computer rather than printing them out will allow you to click on links when they come up in the order of worship.

Ways to Use this Material

You may be doing these on your own if you live alone. Fix yourself a delightful meal and sit down to read through the material for the week. When there are links for music, you can simply click on the link on your computer or notebook device and it will open a YouTube video for you to watch and listen. At every point where there is a prompt for conversation, use it as an invitation to journal or simply meditate and pray about the subject. OR do this on the phone or Zoom or FaceTime or Skype (or whatever) with a loved one or friend or group of family/friends. You can all share in the virtual meal together.

You may be doing these with your family who is present or those who live with you in your home. There are so many ways to make this experience richly participatory and

intergenerational. The two documents “Intergenerational Engagement” and “Have Goodwill,” which come from the Worship Design Studio, will give you lots of ideas!

Things to Gather that Repeat Every Week

These are things that you will want to have on hand every week.

- 1) Worry stones with hearts on them. We suggest painting or using colored markers on stones to make these visual representations of the things that “weigh heavy” on our hearts during this time. Check out the “Intergenerational Engagement” and “Have Goodwill” documents.
- 2) Candle to light every week.
- 3) Food and drink of some kind. The second part of the order of worship is a time for “breaking bread” together by sharing a meal. Get the meal ready and then sit down to start the worship. The first part is pretty short so that you get to the blessing of the meal and can start eating before it gets cold. The scriptures and discussion can happen while you are eating.
- 4) Something to play music on. As I said above, there are links to music in the scripts so you will want to have the scripts open on something that can play music loud enough for everyone to hear. A set of speakers could also do the trick

Things to Gather that are Additional for Specific Weeks

(see each script for more about each one of these as well as the “Intergenerational Engagement” and “Have Goodwill” documents)

- 1) Easter - twig crosses to create a flowering cross; Easter eggs (for every week)
- 2) Fourth Sunday - glass to fill to the brim with water and a bowl under to catch the overflow
- 3) Paper and writing utensil; materials to create a “God-box”
- 4) Pentecost - wear red! Families with children might want to make red streamers
- 5) See below for a list of short films that could be inserted after the scripture readings and before the Action Response if you think this would enhance your gathering.