

March 15, 2020



Well family, this was not something on my list to prepare for in 2020, but here we are. We are working on a livestream solution for the weeks to come that will allow more of a sense of community and “digital connection”. For this week, our hope is that the following guide will enable you to set aside a time at home to dedicate to worship. If you are musical, pull out your instruments. If not, use the lyric videos provided. Have someone lead the liturgical readings and prayers while others respond. Listen to and discuss the message. Pray together. What a time to be in a series on “Living as Exiles”!

Greeting and Welcome: [watch this brief welcome from Eric](#)

Preparation for Worship:

“The Lord is my Helper, I will not fear” Heb 13:6

We Greet God and One Another:

Leader: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you.

Leader: Praise the Lord. Sing to the Lord a new song,

People: sing his praise in the assembly of his faithful people. – Ps 149:1

Leader: In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead – 1 Peter 1:3

People: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Call to Worship:

Return to the LORD your God,
for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love;
and he relents over disaster.

Joel 2:13

We Pray for God to Help us Worship:

*designate someone to pray

Sing:

God So Loved: [Youtube lyric video here](#)

My Hope is Built (Solid Rock): [Youtube lyric video here](#)

We Affirm Our Faith:

Q. What is your only comfort in life and death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil.

He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation.

Therefore, by his Holy Spirit he also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for him.

God Calls Us to Confession:

I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.
- Jeremiah 31:3

We Confession Our Sins:

O Lord, I am weak.

Help me when I am crushed by the weight of sin and sorrow.

Help me when I am confused by the weight of the cross.

Forgive me, for doubting the steadfastness of Your love.

Forgive me, for doubting the sweetness of Your love.

Teach me, to be content in trials and child-like in trust.

Strengthen me, to seek Your face and to sing of Your faithfulness

through every season and circumstance I must face as You prepare me for Home.

In Jesus Name, Amen.

**Silent Confession*

God Declares Our Forgiveness

As for you, O Lord, you will not restrain your mercy from me; your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever preserve me! Psalm 40:11

We Respond:

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise!

Sing:

Steadfast: [Youtube Lyric Video](#)

Ancient of Days: [Youtube Lyric Video](#)

Prayer for the Reading/Preaching of God's Word

Designate someone to pray

Scripture Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. 5 Let your reasonableness[d] be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; 6 do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Sermon: [Watch this brief sermon video](#)

We Offer Ourselves in Giving Financial Offerings and Praise

Giving is always important, but even more so in times like these. We not only want to continue to support full and part time staff, but also be able to generously engage our community.

* You can give now on your ParksChurch APP or online [here](#)

Sing: Living Hope - [Youtube Lyric Video Here](#)

We Offer Prayers for the Church and the World

Designate someone to pray. A few suggestions of things we can pray for: continued healing and help for tornado victims, wisdom in decisions, protection for the vulnerable, cure/treatment of the COVID-19 virus, for people to turn to and find Jesus during this crisis.

God Sends Us Out

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. Heb 12

Sing: Doxology

**Here are a couple of resources you might find helpful this week:

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/things-coronavirus-teach-us/>