



More than a viewer: Tips for engaging with online worship.

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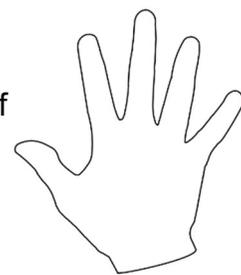
For many United Methodists, weekly worship services are happening on a computer screen instead a sanctuary. How can you become more engaged than simply watching a screen?

- 1. Create a sacred space.** Light a candle. Use a purple cloth to observe the Lenten season. Place a cross in the center of the table. Open your Bible.
- 2. Start with ‘Hello’.** Greeting fellow worshipers is a routine part of attending church. As you see people join the service online, say “hi.” It will help you knowing others are worshipping with you and you are still connected. If you choose not to be seen, upload a favorite photo of yourself to ZOOM, so others can see you.
- 3. Don’t just sit there.** If you usually fold your hands and close your eyes to pray, do the same at home. Sing the songs if you are able, recite The Lord’s Prayer.
- 4. Share** your joys and prayer concerns as appropriate.
- 5. Center and focus.** Working in the kitchen or reading the newspaper while your spouse is worshipping online doesn’t count as “being there”!
- 6. Reach out.** Call people you don’t see online and invite them. Offer to help them overcome technical issues. Ask how they’re doing.
- 7. Give generously.** Our expenses at Acton UMC continue even online. Please continue to support your church with your prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.

REVISED Acton UMC Worship Plans due to COVID19

TODAY: Make a “palm” by tracing your hand on a green piece of paper. Cut it out.

Write your first name on it large & bold enough to be seen. Write a short prayer of welcome or praise to Jesus on the back. Drop your palms off at church before this Sunday. Pastor Bob will use them to share your prayers and make a special “Palm” Sunday arrangement.



Sun, Apr 5: Acton UMC 11am: Palm Sunday. Matthew 21:1-9 “Savior & Lord?”

Mon, Apr 6 – Sat Apr 11: Acton UMC Cemetery: Self-guided Stations of the Cross meditative walk.

Wed night or Thu morning: Get wine or grape juice and make bread using one of these two simple recipes:

Easy Unleavened Bread: Preheat oven to 425 degrees F

Mix 1 C all-purpose flour, 1/3 C vegetable oil, and 1/8 t salt together in a bowl.

Add 1/3 C water and mix until dough is soft.

Form dough into 6 balls, and press into disks on lined, greased or non-stick baking sheet.

Bake 8 to 10 minutes.



Easy Yeast Bread: In a metal or other oven-proof bowl add:

3.5 C bread flour or all-purpose flour, 1.5 t salt, 2 packets or 1.5 t fast-acting yeast. Mix.

Heat 14 oz water in microwave 1 minute and pour over the flour mixture.

Stir with round handle of wooden/plastic cooking spoon until dough is thoroughly mixed and uniformly moist.

Cover dough in bowl with clean dish towel and let rise in oven for 1.5 hrs with oven light on for warmth.

Stir again with round handle of wooden/plastic spoon until deflated.

(OPTIONAL: Sprinkle with .25 C sesame seeds and stir again until dough ball is coated with sesame seeds.)

Tilt bowl and dough to one side and coat the other side of bowl interior with spray oil.

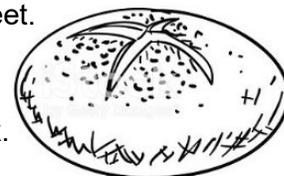
Tilt bowl and dough to other side and coat bowl interior with spray oil.

Cover dough in bowl again with clean dish towel and let rise in oven for 30 min with oven light on for warmth.

Remove dough in bowl and preheat oven to 400 F.

Return bowl to middle of oven (without towel) and bake for 40 min.

Remove bread from oven and bowl to cool on rack.



Thu, Apr 9: 7pm: We will gather online for a Holy Thursday devotion, fellowship, eating bread and drinking wine or grape juice.

Fri, Apr 10: Acton UMC 7pm Good Friday online Tenebrae worship – Todd & Mabelle.

Sun, Apr 12: 6:30am Virtual online Easter Sunrise from outdoors at Acton UMC. John 20:1-18 “While It Was Still Dark”

Sun, Apr 12: 11am: online Easter Worship. Luke 24:1-11 “It Sounded Like Nonsense”.

Sun, Apr 19: Online worship. **Expository series on Acts begins.** Acts 1. “You Will Receive Power”

Sun, Apr 26: Online worship. Acts 2. “What You See Was Predicted”

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Sun, May 3: **COMMUNION.** Acts 3. “I’ll Give You What I Have”

Sun, May 10: **Mother’s Day.** Acts 4. “There Is Salvation In No One Else!”