

SSUMC Remote Worship

On Sunday March 15 at 10am (and any following Sundays before we are able to resume meeting in-person), we will worship remotely by using Zoom. If you are not familiar with Zoom, it is a service that you can access either by computer or by phone. If you know of SSUMC members who do not use a computer, please call them and give them this information and let them know the information will also be posted on the church voicemail. At 10am on Sunday, join the service by using the information below:

Join Zoom Meeting by computer (can be video and/or audio)

<https://zoom.us/j/962088152>

Meeting ID: 962 088 152

Join by phone (audio only)

Dial +1 929 436 2866

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A few important considerations to help us navigate this new technology together:

- This will be the same link and phone number to use each Sunday for as long as we are worshipping remotely
- If possible, use one device per family to make sure everyone can join. Our subscription limits us to 100 participants which should be plenty if we stick to one device per household.
- Keep your audio muted when you are not speaking (you can turn it on if you are sharing a joy/concern or joining in the liturgy). Otherwise the background noise will make it hard for folks to hear. If you are using a phone, mute it if possible. If you can't mute, please try to minimize background noise to help all of us be able to worship.
- If you do not already give online, please consider doing so. SSUMC is prioritizing public safety by closing our buildings, but it will entail a loss of rental income that the church depends on for our monthly operational costs. You can set up a single gift or a recurring gift [here](#).
- If you are using a computer for Zoom, there is a chat feature. There's a way to type a comment to send to all participants or to individuals. Ryan Lincoln, chair of the Administrative Board, will be the host of the call and helping with the tech elements. If you are having problems muting/unmuting or other issues, he will be able to assist via this chat feature.
- Be aware that the video is being recorded for folks to be able to access later (for those who are not able to tune in to worship live).
- If you are having internet connectivity problems, try turning off your video as "audio only" requires less bandwidth.

Will it be a little weird to worship in this unfamiliar format? Absolutely. Will God still show up in our worship? Absolutely! As more and more people are working from home and as schools are closed and other events cancelled, it becomes all the more important to connect with one

another as a family in Christ--for worship, for fellowship, for support, for prayer. We give thanks that we have the technological means to be able to facilitate such connection safely.

On Sunday, we will have space to name fear and anxiety, but we will also make some much-needed space for non-coronavirus related content. We will continue our Lenten journey through Holy Week in Slow-Motion as we hear of the mounting tension in Jesus' interactions with those leaders who oppose his growing popularity. We will receive two new members who will take their membership vows on our live feed. We will pray together. Please join us.