

## SSUMC Remote Worship

During social distancing (we prefer the term physical distancing!), we are worshipping remotely by using the conferencing platform Zoom. If you are not familiar with Zoom, it is a service that you can access either by computer or by phone.

Despite the pain of not being able to meet together, this format has given us many gifts: the ability to see and hear each other, to sing together with our beloved music leaders, to experience sermons together, to hear testimony from each other, to share joys and concerns and pray, and to feel the movement of the spirit across the distance the separates us. We've celebrated new babies, welcomed new members, shared powerful prayer vigils and special services, and claimed our identity as resurrection people in this format since we started using it in March. Many of us have been surprised by the power of this format to connect us to God and to each other, and we give thanks for our creative worship team that helps to make "live" worship services possible each week.

We've learned that the sound is best using regular phone audio (not speaker phone) or computer speakers. And if you don't have a webcam, you can still log on to view the service and see your church friends and family and hear the service through your speakers. In the event that Zoom isn't working on a Sunday morning, tune in to your email and to the facebook page for information about using FreeConferenceCall.com as a back-up option to gather – though we'll begin a little later than 10am to give everyone a chance to pivot to that platform.

We use Zoom breakout rooms to allow some time for socializing after the service each week – it's a great time to catch up with your church friends and family, and to meet someone new!

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?pwd=a1VuQXhLcnFPa1hrREVMOdBZFzVoZz09>

**Meeting ID: 962 088 152**

**Password: 318725**

**Join by phone (audio only)**

**301-715-8592**

**Meeting ID: 962 088 152**

**Password: 318725**

This will be the same login information each week while we're using this format.

A few tips:

- Keep your audio muted unless you are sharing a joy/concern. You can also feel free to enter prayer requests into the chat box or into the confidential visitor's card link that's placed in the chat box a few times each service
- 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](#).

- Our services are recorded and then uploaded to our facebook page so that folks can watch them at a later time. The Joys/Concerns portion is edited out to prevent accidental sharing of confidential information. If you ever miss a service, they are usually posted to facebook by Sunday evening each week.
- If you are having internet connectivity problems, try turning off your video as "audio only" requires less bandwidth.