Faith In Exile: Comfort My People? (Sample Order of Worship)

This order of worship is just a suggestion of what a gathered body might do together. You know your people and your context best, and we encourage you to adapt this as you see fit. The music suggestions are just that - suggestions. If you need access to music, however, we encourage you to look at the worship resources links provided from the sermon series page at methodistconnection.org. All of these elements can be led by lay people, and we encourage you to explore the use of your gifts and to serve Jesus Christ in these meaningful ways.

Greeting/Welcome

Call to Worship/Gathering Prayer

Lord, as we gather here in the wilderness, we seek you. We look for you as we find ourselves exiled from the place we love, and even separated from some of the people we love. While we feel the loss intensely, we stand on the promise that you are here with us, and that you have sent others to be with us. We open our hearts, and prepare a place in this wilderness for you, O Lord. Amen.

Hymn/Praise Song(s)*

Scripture Reading Isaiah 40:1-11

Sermon

"Comfort My People?"

Rev. Dr. Michelle J. Morris

Hymn of Response/Praise Song (Could also be offertory if that is being taken)*

Creed (if used)

Prayers of the People/Lord's Prayer

Closing Song*

Benediction/Sending Prayer

*Suggested Music:

On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand; The Chain (Fleetwood Mac); Wayfaring Stranger (Horace Clarence Boyer); Come Thou Fount; Jesus, Lover of My Soul (Charles Wesley);

Sanctuary; Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy; Never Alone (Barlow Girl); Reckless Love (Cory Asbury); What a Friend We Have in Jesus; You Found Me (The Fray); The Chain (Fleetwood Mac); Are You There? (Nickel and Dime); Prone to Wander (Chris Rice)