



Resurrection Church
Online Worship Gathering | 8.2.20

CALLED BY GOD INTO WORSHIP

The Lighting of the Quarantine Candles - Justin

One: O Lord, our Light, our Redeemer, our Reconciler,

Many: Shine your light in the darkness!

One: Send your mercy to awaken, renew, and transform us.

Many: Come, almighty God: Father, Son, and Spirit!

One: Carry us through this (un)ordinary time until we can once again enjoy the embrace of fellowship and the joy of our togetherness in you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord,

All: Amen!

The Call to Worship - Justin

One: Let us worship the eternal God, the source of love and life, our maker and sustainer.
Let us worship Jesus Christ, the crucified one, who shares our sorrows, the risen one, who lives dwells among us by his Spirit.
Let us worship the Spirit, the sent one who convicts, confirms, transforms, and renews us.

All: To the one true God be praise in all times and places. Alleluia! Amen!

Song of Adoration: [*Light the Way - Phil Thompson*](#)

Be my strength, my strength, O God
Be my strength, my strength, O God

Father, light the way
Be my present help
You're my God; you're my God

Be my peace, my peace, O God
Be my peace, my peace, O God

Father, light the way
Be my present help
You're my God; you're my God

When I'm overwhelmed
Lead me to the Rock
You're my God; you're my God

And I will worship you always
And I will worship you always
And I will worship you always
You're my God

Confession of Sin - Kaitlin

One: God of love, we confess that we think of you seldom, desire you sporadically, and worship you half-heartedly. While we long to embody a persistent and passionate love for you, we are overwhelmed by the chaotic waves of our world.

We are not content. We long for more.

Lord, forgive and transform us.

All: Christ, forgive and transform us.

One: God of love, we confess that our love for our neighbors falls far shy of what you command and what we desire. While we long to pursue love, justice, equity, righteousness, and shalom, we are consumed by the cares of our own lives.

We are not content. We long for more.

Lord, forgive and transform us.

All: Christ, forgive and transform us.

One: Through the work of the Lord Jesus, who comes among us, full of grace and truth,

All: Forgive us, heal us, correct us.

One: Remake our lives that we may witness to your transforming love.

All: Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Grace - Kaitlin

The God who challenges us is also the God who encourages us.

The God who confronts us is also the God who accepts us.

Be assured that God is with us even now, accepting, restoring, and transforming.

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Song of Thanksgiving - *The Doxology - all together!*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise him all people here below

Praise him above you heavenly hosts

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

INVITED BY GOD INTO COMMUNITY

Passing of Peace - Justin

One: The peace of Christ be with you

Many: And also with you!

Community Prayer - Justin

- What are we celebrating? (birthdays, anniversaries, new jobs, etc) - answers to prayer?

- Where do we need God to meet us? (pray for needs, griefs, etc)

The Lord's Prayer - Justin

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Announcements - Kaitlin

- **Thursday, August 6, 7-8:30p - Prayer Course Session #6, Contemplation**
- **Sunday, August 9, 4:30-6p - Hybrid In-Person Worship**
 - With much prayer, conversation, and congregational feedback, we have determined that we will be meeting in-person once per month for the foreseeable future, with weekly online worship on the other Sunday. We are learning that providing a periodic, safe, public Worship Gathering is one way that we can carry out our mission and vision to *live life with God in community for the neighborhood*.
 - Our next two opportunities for in-person worship will be **August 9** and **September 13**.
- **Thursday, August 13, 6:30-8:30p - Brown Bag Dinner in the Park - location TBD**
 - Bring a blanket or a chair, a mask, and a meal for yourself.
 - We'll be setting up with 8-10' of distance between blankets and settling in for an evening of open-air hanging out
 - Friends welcome! We will have a few extra blankets on hand :)
- **Neighbor RAFT assistance:** RAFT provides short-term financial assistance to low-income families who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Many neighbors need this aid but need help filling out the form.
 - 5 Spanish-speaking Resurrection Church members are teaming up with Vecindarios Unidos de East Boston (United Neighborhood of Eastie) to help Spanish-speaking neighbors fill out these forms and access RAFT aid.
 - This week we are launching our first ever Resurrection Church bilingual "assembly line," with our Spanish-speakers in the front and our English-only speakers behind them, helping to fill out RAFT forms and order lasagna-deliveries for them. *If you're interested in form-filling on behalf of a neighbor and speak either English or Spanish or both, let Kaitlin know (by chat on Zoom now, or on email at kaitlin@resurrectionbos.org).*
- **Crisis Response Fund:** Thank you for your generosity to our Crisis Response Fund. We have collectively raised \$52,655 and in the process of giving all of that away to community organizations and members in need!
 - Please share our Small Grant Program form with neighbors in need: [English](#) / [Spanish](#)
 - Pray for [community members](#) as we weather this pandemic together. This week, pray for our neighbor on Shelving Street: *Please pray for my mom in El Salvador, who is recovering from an operation; it is hard to be so far away. My 16 year old son is here in Boston with me but in a separate apartment with family because we cannot afford a place together; it is hard to live separately.*
 - Thank you for your generosity to our Crisis Response Fund. Help us continue this work: [give online](#) (put "crisis" in the comments).

ADDRESSED BY GOD THROUGH SCRIPTURE

Scripture Reading (English) - Romans 12:1-2 (ESV) Laura Bean Allen

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Scripture Reading (Spanish) - Romanos 12:1-2 (RVR). Tony Allen

¹ Por lo tanto, hermanos, os ruego por las misericordias de Dios que presentéis vuestros cuerpos como sacrificio vivo, santo, agradable a Dios, que es vuestro verdadero culto. ² No os conforméis a este mundo, sino transformaos por medio de la renovación de vuestro entendimiento, para que comprobéis cuál es la buena voluntad de Dios, agradable y perfecta.

One: La palabra del Señor

All: Gracias a Dios

Message: Be: Transformed - Justin

Online: Discussion in Breakout Groups (~ 10 minutes) -

1. What did you find most encouraging or challenging about the passage or message?
2. What is one area where you would like to collaborate with the Holy Spirit to renew your mind this week?

SENT BY GOD INTO THE WORLD

Song of Response: *More Like Jesus* - Tricia, Shadwa, Justin

You came to the world you created
Trading your crown for a cross
You willingly died
Your innocent life paid the cost

Counting your status as nothing,
The King of all kings came to serve
Washing my feet
Covering me with your love

If more of you means less of me
Take everything
Yes, all of you is all I need
Take everything

You are my life and my treasure
The one that I can't live without
Here at your feet
My desires and dreams, I lay down

If more of you means less of me
Take everything
Yes, all of you is all I need
Take everything

Oh Lord, change me like only you can
Here with my hearts in your hands
Father, I pray, "Make me more like Jesus"
This world is dying to know who you are
You've shown us the way to your heart
Father, I pray, "Make me more like Jesus"

If more of you means less of me
Take everything
Yes, all of you is all I need
Take everything

Blessing - Justin

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely;
and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless
at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Lord bless you and keep you;

The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Extinguishing of the Candles

Sending - Kaitlin

One: Let us go forth to love and serve the world as those who love
our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

All: Thanks be to God!