## Online Worship Sharing Groups at Summer Sessions 2024

Worship at Sessions Committee is introducing a **NEW VIRTUAL SPACE EXPERIMENT** for online Worship Sharing Groups at Summer Sessions 2024. The platform we'll use is <u>FRAME VR</u>. Participants will sign into the meeting space from any phone, computer or tablet. Volunteer FRAME techies who will provide training sessions in June and July for all virtual participants. The FRAME VR program allows you to create an avatar that closely resembles you, much like an emoji that you may have created for messaging.

Worship at Sessions offers this EXPERIMENT with two purposes:

- 1. It will give some of our online participants a little more exciting way to gather and have their Worship Sharing Sessions.
- 2. By providing the training for NYYM persons, other groups might use this space for online meetings during Summer Sessions. We are hoping that our High Schoolers (9th grades on up) and Young Adult Friends, whether in-person or not, will participate in some online gatherings. We want to ensure the safety of the online community. Guidelines about online safety, including a parental permission form for minors, will be distributed to those who sign up for this part of the Summer Session program. Persons who are on-site at Oakwood will need to bring their computer, phone or tablet to connect to the virtual space.

There will be ONE WORSHIP SHARING GROUP on ZOOM. Worship at Sessions will offer a DROP-IN Worship Sharing Group using our familiar ZOOM Platform. The DROP-IN worship sharing group will have one or more facilitators. The drop-in group has typically been for those participants who are unable to commit to the full five days of Sessions. Since this is the only ZOOM Group, this group may have more participants than normal, and some of those participants will be there for the full five days of the group.

When registering for the DROP-IN Worship sharing group, please indicate whether you will be present for all five groups. We want those who will commit to all 5 sessions to have a community building experience with one another.