

digital gathering worship guide

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This week we continue “Defiant Joy,” our study through Philippians. We recommend downloading all videos and assigning roles before your gathering so things flow and people stay engaged throughout. Various elements of the gathering have been pre-assigned to four leaders, but you may distribute these roles however you like.¹

We encourage local worship leaders to lead in your gathering, but if you do not have some one who can lead, we have provided a video with worship led by our RLA worship team members from their homes.

order of worship

CALL TO WORSHIP (LEADER A)

Welcome everyone, being sure to introduce guests. Then open with a short prayer.

If you are using [the worship video](#), begin it here.

ADORATION (LEADER B)

Sing together: “O Come to the Altar”

Pause the video on the slide that says “Prayers of Adoration” for a few minutes of prayer. Praise him for who he is. This can be one leader as indicated or an open time of short prayers praising God for who he is.

After your time of prayer, **start the video again.**

CONFESSION

Sing together: “Nothing but the Blood”

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Sing together: “Psalm 23”

The worship video will end here.

¹ For more helpful tips, check out the [Digital Worship Gathering Support Resource](#).

PRAYER (LEADER C)

Ask God to open our hearts to the preaching of the word.

PREACHING OF THE WORD

Play [the sermon video](#).

COMMUNION (LEADER D)

Read *1 Corinthians 11:23-29*, then say “We will take a moment of reflection. If anyone among us is aware of having wronged someone but has not sought to make peace, confess to God and resolve to seek peace. If any among us has not yet trusted in Christ, use this moment to consider what is compelling about Jesus, but refrain from taking the bread and the cup until you are ready to follow him with your life.”

After a moment of reflection (about the time it takes to draw four breaths), invite people to take a piece of bread and say to the group, “This is the body of Christ, broken for you.” Then eat.

Invite everyone to hold their cups and say, “This is his blood, poured out for your sins.” Then drink.

Lastly, remind everyone “As certainly as you have taken this bread and this cup, remember that Jesus died and rose again. As he lives, we have life through him.”

BENEDICTION

Read *Romans 15:13*:

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.”

After the benediction, invite everyone to stay on the video call for prayer or meet up with prayer groups for specific requests.