

CHURCH AT HOME / MARCH 22, 2020

Hello Orchard Hill Church family!

While we are all keeping our social distance and not gathering for weekly worship, we want to let you know that we will be live streaming a “modified” praise and worship set as part of the live stream services for the Sundays we are meeting online (the lyrics will on the screen for you as well)!

Whether you are alone or gathering with a small group of fellow believers, we want to encourage you to join us for this time. How often do we sing and worship in our homes, by ourselves or with others? Think about it! When we worship, we invite the presence of the Holy Spirit to come, to move, and to change us. What better place to do that than our homes? Let’s try it over the next couple of weeks!

Below we have put together a suggestion for making the most out of this new worship experience:

9:30 AM – Eat: Have breakfast around the table together!

- ❖ While eating breakfast, discuss/consider the importance of worshipping God. Whether it is in a large gathering, all by yourself, or in a house setting, worship is important to God.
- ❖ Perhaps invite someone you know who is alone and you feel safe with to join you!

1) Ask: *What is Worship?* Let everyone respond.

2) Read: Romans 12:1

Sometimes we think that worship is simply singing praise music. Sometimes we think of worship as honoring God with our tithes or giving of our time to serve. The truth is, it’s not just those things, for worship is much more than that. A helpful definition from the 1828 Webster’s Dictionary says, “Worship is to honor with extravagant love and extreme submission.” Consider for a moment the word “Extravagant.” It means the greatest; it’s something beyond what is normal or generally appropriate. Extravagant love is an overflowing love for someone. “Extreme submission” means to obey and listen to that person more than anyone else. We are called to have this kind of obedience and love for God alone and worship is honoring Him with that kind of great love and obedience. It means putting God as our top priority, over everyone and anyone, because He alone is worthy. True worship is a matter of our hearts and living a life of holiness; a life that honors God in all you do.

While we are called to worship God with everything we are, one of the ways we show God that He is the greatest is to set aside a sabbath day worship every week. In this way we honor God and show He is our true priority!

9:50 AM – Gather: Circle up in the area where you are going to watch the live stream service on the “Orchard Hill Church” Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/ohcgr/>)

10:45 AM – Reflect: Talk together about what was presented in the message.

Have you experienced Jesus’ redemption? How so? Where do you see the need for redemption in our world right now? How can you show/share God’s redemption with someone this week?

11:00 AM – Make plans: How can/will we serve God this week? With Whom?

11:05 AM – Prayer: Use the ACTS acronym (Adoration, confession, thanksgiving, supplication) This acronym helps us to praise God, confess our sins and ask for His forgiveness, thank God for the blessings He gives us, and ask Him for what we desire and need. Parent’s of children-ask your child/ren how you can pray for them and encourage them to participate in praying as well!

Sunday Afternoon: Seize the Day! Read, watch, or listen to something today that will encourage you in your faith!