



In Person/Online Worship, August 1, 2021 Digital Worship Bulletin (9:30am)

**Love God, Love Others,
Change the World**

Parables from the Backside: When the Good Samaritan is Bad News

Gathering Music

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How Great Is Our God

Welcome

Invitation to Worship (On Screen)

Tell Me the Stories of Jesus #277 V1
Frederick Arthur Challinor and William Henry Parker, Public Domain

Call to Worship (On Screen)

Hymn of Praise

Help Us to Help Each Other Lord V1&2
(Sung to the tune of "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" #57) Charles Wesley, Public Domain

Opening Prayer (On Screen)

Children's Message

"Parables" (A Mini Movie)

James Groucho

Scripture Reading

Luke 10:25-37 (CEB)

The Message

When the Good Samaritan is Bad News

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

Invitation to the Offering

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Holy Communion (Responses On Screen)

Hymn of Celebration

When I Needed a Neighbour

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Closing Prayer

Postlude

Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land

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Pianist: Trina Brown
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Worship Schedule

8:00am In-Person Traditional Worship Indoors* (not online)
9:30am In-Person AND Online Traditional Worship
11:00am In-Person AND Online Praise Worship AND Children's Church

***As the COVID-19 positivity rate starts to increase, we will continue offering in-person worship indoors WITH CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS as long as possible. We will also continue offering online worship according to the above schedule.**

In-Person Worship Guidelines

Thank you for joining us for in-person worship! Please read the following guidelines as they include the most recent information related to CDC guidance on fully vaccinated individuals:

- On July 27, the CDC released new guidelines for in-person, indoor gatherings for both vaccinated and unvaccinated people. Here are the facts as we know them:
 - **The Delta Variant is highly contagious** and is being compared by the CDC to the Varicella-Zoster (aka Chicken Pox) virus in terms of transmissibility. Furthermore, according to Yale Medicine Epidemiologists and Infectious Disease Doctors, “Delta is more contagious than other virus strains,” including “the common cold and influenza, as well as the viruses that cause Ebola, smallpox, MERS, and SARS...” (<https://www.yalemedicine.org/news/5-things-to-know-delta-variant-covid>)
 - **Unvaccinated people are most at risk. In addition, infections of kids and young people are also of great concern.** “A [recent study](#) from the United Kingdom showed that children and adults under 50 were 2.5 times more likely to become infected with Delta...” As we know, children under age 12 are not yet eligible to receive the vaccine; we must therefore do what we can to protect them. (<https://www.yalemedicine.org/news/5-things-to-know-delta-variant-covid>)
 - **While vaccinated people are less likely to suffer from serious illness should they be infected with the Delta variant, it is believed they can still transmit the virus to others,** and if those others happen to be unvaccinated individuals, their resulting illness could be very serious, even deadly. As people of faith, we are called to protect the vulnerable as we would also protect ourselves.
 - **Our best defense against the Delta variant is vaccination AND wearing masks in indoor public spaces where more than a handful of people are present.**
 - **And finally, there is still much to learn about Delta, its severity, and how it might mutate in the future.** Some public health professionals are suggesting we could be just 1 or 2 variants away from a vaccine-resistant form of COVID-19. That makes our task even more urgent.
- In light of this new guidance and information, **effective today, 8/1/21, all worshipers, worship leaders, staff, and volunteers will wear masks while indoors and in groups.** This new rule applies **regardless of vaccination status** and will be in place as long as our COVID-19 7-day positivity rate continues to be high OR the CDC changes their guidance regarding mask-wearing indoors.
- In addition, **in-person worshipers will sing and speak softly** during hymns, praise songs, and spoken responses. We currently believe that wearing a well-fitted mask and singing/speaking softly while together in worship will keep those around us safe while allowing us to participate in worship more fully. Your pastor and worship leaders will do our best to model this behavior. Furthermore, we may return to refraining from congregational singing or speaking if the COVID cases worsens.
- **We encourage you to physical distance and suggest refraining from shaking hands or hugging.** We appreciate your cooperation and understanding as we work together to share a meaningful, Spirit-filled worship experience in a safe and healthy environment. Thank you for your attention to this important information. We appreciate your patience and grace as we move forward together!

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What's Happening This Week

Zoom Links are sent by email. To be added to our mailing list, email info@songoflifeumc.org

- SoL In-Person Worship: **Today**, 8:00am, 9:30am, and 11:00am
- Children's Church (Onsite): **Today**, 11:15am
- SoL Online Worship: **Today**, 9:30am and 11:00am
<https://live.songoflifeumc.org/>
- All-Church Gathering: **Today**, 12:15pm Light Lunch, Report from Campaign Strategist
- Contemplative Approach: **Mon**, 10:30am*
- Area 412 (Teens): **Weds**, 5:00pm
- Self-Care Bible Study: **Fri**, 5:30pm*

*Meets via Zoom. See above

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Announcements

- **JOIN US TODAY** at 12:15pm as we meet with Don Smith, our Campaign Strategist from Horizons Stewardship who will share the results of our recent survey. A light lunch will be served.
- **Jose's Closet and Emma's Eats Pantry** are planning to move to their new facility the 3rd week of August. Volunteers as well as monetary donations are needed. Contact Wendy at (480) 313-8496. This month's wish list: [anything](#) to help the group home and the kids.
- **Two volunteers needed to conduct the 2020 financial audit.** Please contact Rich Matthews or the Church Office.