



November 11, 2020

Note: this week, I invite you to spend four minutes to watch the video recording above. It includes short clips from our virtual worship services that are not included in the written summary.

I have always said that worship is the heartbeat of our church community. Worship is the practice that centers us, grounds us in faithful ritual and reflection, and shapes us as God's people. So, in late March, when Massachusetts was shutting down most in person interaction, we wondered how we could continue the sacred experience of worship.

Those first Sundays presented a steep learning curve. With everyone at home, we began to make video recordings to be stitched together.

Ministers set up improvised studios at home.

John Finney and the soloists in the choir learned how to use software to layer multiple video and audio tracks together.

Members of the church shared messages for the passing of the peace.

In Mission Moments, we continued to share the news of our mission work with partners like Grace House and the Wellesley Food Pantry.

Members of the Confirmation Class led us in worship one Sunday in September.

Each week, these worship services receive hundreds of views from the [Church Website](#), YouTube, and Facebook channels.

We don't have a professional film crew.

What we have is a mission to proclaim the good news of God's love in Jesus Christ, centered in worship as we share hymns, prayer and preaching, and a warm welcome that is radically inclusive.

When you receive your stewardship materials, I invite you to prayerfully consider making a meaningful and sacrificial commitment to support our church with the money that will enable us to minister in the year ahead, whatever it may take.

Our stewardship theme is “Look to the Rock,” from the prophet Isaiah who said “look to the rock from which you were hewn.” When the people were in exile, Isaiah helped them to remember their home in Jerusalem, and their true home in God.

Let us “look to the rock” together.

Let us remember.

Let us continue to be a community knit together in worship, and bound together in God’s love, reaching out to others.

Peace,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Matt". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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