

Sunday 29 March 2020
Fairfield Church Service
What is God saying to us through this pandemic?

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Whilst we cannot meet together this Sunday to worship as usual, we can worship the God and father of our Lord Jesus Christ wherever we are. We can also have a sense of the fellowship in the Holy Spirit if, as we join together this Sunday morning in worship, we can also pray for others who we would usually be meeting with, who are doing the same.

Possible outline and suggestions for your act of worship this Sunday

Pray about how best to maintain your Sunday worship in the form that honours God and blesses each of you who is able to meet together.

1. Hymns/Songs - play these wherever helps you worship best
2. Prayers – including having a copy of the Thursday Bulletin handy
3. Readings – Listening to God’s Word is more important than the Talk.
Please read aloud Psalm 91 and also read Luke 21 :7-19
4. Talk (or activity for your children or both)

Starting

As you start to worship together it is good to pray and you might like to include these two short prayers near the beginning:-

*Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Lord Jesus, it is so strange not to be meeting together with our Fairfield family today. Please protect and bless all of them wherever they are today. And please enable us to worship you together now, in the power of your Holy Spirit. Speak to us and help us to learn from you. Help us to worship you. Thank you that you are always with us. Amen.

Songs & Hymns

As you meet you might be able to sing together or you might want to listen to or join in with some recorded music. Here are a few suggestions for today – remember to mute the ‘advert’ bits that come at the beginning of most Youtube clips!

Rock of Ages	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gM7gt_cSxjw
O Lord, the clouds are gathering	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xfv9OI59_7o
I need thee every hour	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IEZE_d4tG0o
If my people	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rmOkfWuN-SA

God of Justice <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b3NelRb1LY4>
On Christ the solid rock <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rkMapZB8qMk>
In Christ alone my hope is found <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ENtL li4GbE>
The Lord's my shepherd <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pN4tPkX0MGOPsalm>
You are my hiding place <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uUx2WcC9JKo>
Psalm 91 v1-6 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E1oCEN8qUf8>
Based upon Psalm 91 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kgvx9drZXpk>

Prayers

You should all have sight of a copy of the Thursday Bulletin. There is a lot in there to pray for as well as the world-wide prayers about the Covid-19 situation.

You might like to say the Lord's Prayer as well (version we usually say is also on the Thursday Bulletin).

Here is the link to today's talk – 'What is God saying to us through this pandemic?'

<https://youtu.be/mlhr-12ncRQ>

A copy of the slides for the Talk can be found here

<https://fairfield.churchbuilder.org.uk/churchbuilder/medialib.php?id=1178>

You should also have received age-appropriate materials for your children which you might choose to use here.

Response

It might be good to talk over what you have heard and share what you think spoke to you from that – or what you think God is saying to us today?

Perhaps finish with a great hymn of worship from the list above or perhaps this one:-

Guide me O thou great Redeemer <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZAN4EojeF0Y>

Notices

At 11:15am or 11:30am Join a zoom online 'coffee and chat' time –

11.15 AM: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9495880107> Meeting ID: 949 588 0107

11.30AM <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/284425688> Meeting ID: 284 425 688

Wednesday 1st April 8pm Join the monthly Prayer Hub meeting – details in Bulletin and next Tuesday's email

Palm Sunday 5th April Sunday Service – Talk from Sue Carey