

The word "APPROACH" is written in large, white, outlined letters across the top of the page. A person is standing on a pier in the ocean, positioned behind the letter 'O'. The background is a photograph of a person standing on a pier extending into the ocean under a sunset sky.

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Sun Sep 6, 2020

WORSHIP AT HOME

WITH VICTORIA ALLIANCE CHURCH

A note before we begin...

Thank you for making space and taking the time to worship with us today. This guide is intended to be a framework for full participation in worship from the comfort of your own home.

Use as much or as little of the material as you'd like, but we do encourage you to step in and try something new. Read aloud, sing along, clap your hands, or simply invite God to meet you where you're at. Every journey begins with a step, and if you let Him, Jesus will faithfully lead you on an incomparable path of grace, mercy and love. One step at a time!

If you have younger worshipers with you, we encourage you to involve them in all aspects of this time of worship. Your full participation will inspire them to jump in too, and their participation may just inspire you right back!

If you plan to tune into our video teaching at the same time as others in our community (recommended) then you will want to begin your worship at home time at around **9:45 am**, as the chat opens at **10:15am** and the Sermon Stream will begins at **10:30am**.

We suggest that you skim through this Worship at Home Guide in advance, and set up your computer or phone with the link for our broadcast, easily found on our website, victoriaalliance.ca.

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Now, let's begin...



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ENTERING WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

If you have one available and feel safe doing so, light a candle and say these words aloud:

"We Light this candle to remind us that Jesus is the Light of the World, and He is with us always."

PRAISE & ADORATION

- Sing an a cappella hymn (suggested: **I Stand Amazed**)
- Take some time to identify a moment from this past week where God's love broke through in your life, big or small, expected or unexpected. Offer Him praise and thanksgiving.
- Sing a song of praise along with **VAC Spotify Playlist C:**
Suggestions:
 - **How Deep the Father's Love for Us**
 - **10000 Reasons**
 - **Extravagant**
- Consider spending the day prefacing your interactions or decisions with the well known question "What Would Jesus Do?" or "What Did Jesus Say?" What do you notice?

READING GOD'S WORD

The scripture for the week is Luke 10:25-37. You are invited to read from your own Bible or you can access a digital version [here](#).

If you feel comfortable, end your scripture reading by saying "This is the word of the Lord".

I STAND AMAZED IN THE PRESENCE
OF JESUS THE NAZARENE
AND WONDER HOW HE COULD LOVE ME
A SINNER CONDEMNED UNCLEAN

HOW MARVELOUS HOW WONDERFUL
AND MY SONG SHALL EVER BE
HOW MARVELOUS HOW WONDERFUL
IS MY SAVIOUR'S LOVE FOR ME

FOR ME IT WAS IN THE GARDEN
HE PRAYED NOT MY WILL BUT THINE
HE HAD NO TEARS FOR HIS OWN GRIEFS
BUT SWEAT DROPS OF BLOOD FOR MINE

WHEN WITH THE RANSOMED IN GLORY
HIS FACE I AT LAST SHALL SEE
'T WILL BE MY JOY THOUGH THE AGES
TO SING OF HIS LOVE FOR ME.



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ONLINE VIDEO

The next few portions of our Worship At Home service will take place as part of our online video. Please tune in with others around the city at victoriaalliance.online.church (type this into any browser).

Community chat begins at **10:15 am** and the video starts at **10:30am** (PT).

If you're participating at any other time, the video will remain accessible throughout the week via our church website (victoriaalliance.ca), on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#), or on our [YouTube Channel](#).

WELCOME

Ministry Manager Bekah will spend a few moments saying hello and inviting us into worship. Feel free to pass along your hello in the chat box! We're so glad you are here! Here are the lyrics to the Doxology if you need them - sing along with Bekah from wherever you are:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost

WORSHIP

Ethan and Brooklyn have returned from Vernon and will lead us in worship through song this week!

PRAYER & INTERCESSION

Join Mark Ahenda as he leads us through a time of prayer and intercession for those Among Us, Around Us, and Beyond Us. If you require additional time to raise up your private prayers and petitions, feel free to pause the video. You can jump right back in when ready.

MESSAGE

Pastor Rob concludes our Approach series with a message entitled "Unlovable."



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RESPONSE

REFLECTION

- Reflecting on the past few weeks, what is one way that you might be able to shift your "Approach" when it comes to accepting God's love and modelling it to those around you?
- What is your initial reaction when you encounter someone in need or distress? Do you come near or pass from afar? How might your neighbourliness be improved/refined?
- Consider the balance of law and love in your life. Is there reason for the scales to swing one way or the other?

OFFERING

- Continue in worship as you prepare to give generously to support the mission of making Jesus known among us, around us, beyond us.
- Options for giving at home here: <https://www.victoriaalliance.ca/pages/give>
- Pray, asking God to guide our leaders to make wise decisions and to carry out good stewardship of the gifts presented for God's glory.
- If you or someone you know needs assistance, or if you have a resource of time you would like to donate as we seek to connect people with resources, please get in touch with our office. (email office@victoriaalliance.ca)



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SENDING

BENEDICTION - A GOOD WORD

May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

1 Thessalonians 3:12-13 NIV

LIGHT OF THE WORLD

As we extinguish the candle we lit at the beginning of our service, remember that we carry the light of Jesus into the world wherever we go.

MAKING JESUS KNOWN

How might you reach your "neighbour" for Jesus this week?

CHECKING IN

If you have the time, send us a quick email to let us know how your worship at home experience went. We rely heavily upon your feedback as we create new resources to support you through this season of social distancing. Email: office@victoriaalliance.ca.

If you are on Facebook or Instagram, tag us in a quick pic of your worship at home time and use the hashtag #VACeveryday to encourage our wider faith community.

See you (online) next week!