

A person stands on a wooden pier extending into the ocean. The word "APPROACH" is written in large, white, outlined letters across the top of the image. The person is positioned in the center, with the letter 'O' behind them. The background shows a calm sea and a clear sky.

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Sun Aug 30, 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.

A person stands on a wooden pier extending into the ocean. The pier is made of wooden planks and leads towards the horizon. The water is dark blue with some white foam from waves. The sky is a pale, hazy blue.

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: **Nothing but the Blood**)
- Take a moment to identify moments from the week where God has blessed you through the fruits of the Spirit. Offer thanks for these cherished moments.
- Sing a song of praise along with **VAC Spotify Playlist C:**
Suggestions:
 - **Drenched in Love, Nothing Else, Our God Saves**
- Write down the word 'Unbelievable' at the top of a page. Underneath, make a list of God's positive attributes. At the bottom of the page write 'I believe'.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Take a moment to raise your prayers and petitions on behalf of those Around Us, Among Us and Beyond Us.

Pray the following: Lord God, your love for humankind, present in the beginning of all things, extends throughout history and touches even my life.

Your love sees failings and forgives.

Your love feels pain and wipes away our tears.

Your love knows grief, and comforts the sorrowful.

Your love sees sin and still loves the sinner.

Forgive us when we fail to live lives that reflect your love.

Forgive us the many times when we take for granted all that you have done for us.

Transform us, through your Spirit, and empower us to serve you this day and all days. Amen (courtesy faithandworship.com)

WHAT CAN WASH AWAY MY SIN
NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD OF JESUS
WHAT CAN MAKE ME WHOLE AGAIN
NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD OF JESUS

O PRECIOUS IS THE FLOW
THAT MAKES ME WHITE AS SNOW
NO OTHER FOUNT I KNOW
NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD OF JESUS

FOR MY PARDON THIS I SEE
NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD OF JESUS
FOR MY CLEANSING THIS MY PLEA
NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD OF JESUS

NOTHING CAN FOR SIN ATONE
NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD OF JESUS
NAUGHT OF GOOD THAT I HAVE DONE
NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD OF JESUS.



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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

Greg Kuhn 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!

WORSHIP

Marcello leads us in worship through song this week with a rendition of 'Your Mercy'.

GOD'S WORD

Join Kirsten Glidden as she leads us through the scripture passage for the week - Luke 15:25-32. Feel free to follow along in your own Bible.

MESSAGE

Pastor Rob brings us a message from our Approach series entitled "Unwelcome."



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RESPONSE

REFLECTION

- What is one takeaway from today's service that you can use to shape your walk this week?
- In the parable of the Lost Son, what character is the most relatable to you in your current situation? Do you feel prompted to make a change after the message?
- Consider how you might reflect the mercy and grace of the Father to those around you in the coming days.

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

Peace to the brothers and sisters, and love with faith from God
the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 6:23 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 is Jesus prompting you to go on mission for Him this week? Will you respond?

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!