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Sun Sep 13, 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!

Please note that this is a communion service, so be prepared with a small drink and a type of bread that works for you if you wish to participate.

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**](http://victoriaalliance.ca).

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 Surrender All**)
- Take some time to look around the room you are in. If God were with you physically right now, where would God be? What is God's posture toward you? What is your posture toward God?
- Sing a song of praise along with **VAC Spotify Playlist D:**
Suggestions:
 - **Lion and the Lamb**
 - **Jesus, Messiah**
 - **This I believe (the Creed)**
 - **In Christ Alone**

• Speak these unifying words of the Apostle's Creed aloud:
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

As you sit in an awareness of God's loving presence this morning, talk with God about:

- Your household needs and concerns
- Our faith family; its leaders, volunteers, those we seek to love
- Our country; its health and safety, the continuing work of reconciliation and justice, our influence throughout the globe.

ALL TO JESUS I SURRENDER
ALL TO HIM I FREELY GIVE
I WILL EVER LOVE AND TRUST HIM
IN HIS PRESENCE DAILY LIVE
ALL TO JESUS I SURRENDER
HUMBLY AT HIS FEET I BOW
WORLDLY PLEASURES ALL FORSAKEN
TAKE ME, JESUS, TAKE ME NOW,
I SURRENDER ALL
I SURRENDER ALL
ALL TO THEE MY BLESSED SAVIOR
I SURRENDER ALL
ALL TO JESUS I SURRENDER
MAKE ME SAVIOR WHOLLY THINE
MAY THY HOLY SPIRIT FILL ME
MAY I KNOW THY POWER DIVINE
I SURRENDER ALL
I SURRENDER...



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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.

Please note that we would love for you to join us next Sunday as part of our Multi-site Church picnic. Each site will allow for a number of folks to connect in a socially distant, outdoor setting. As your comfort level allows, we encourage you to participate. Sign up in advance is required.

INTERVIEW - GRADS OF 2020

Pastor Kyla will interview Hanako Isshiki, now back in Japan about her recent completion of her Canadian Bachelors of Science from Uvic. Also listen as she shares what she learned while part of our faith community.

WORSHIP IN SONG

Listening and watching is one way to worship. Still, you are encouraged to fully engage with singing, tapping, praying through this section of worship.

SCRIPTURE READING

Ed Balzer will read for us Philippians 3:4b-14.

MESSAGE

Pastor Kyla kicks off our new series on giving up with a message called *the Perfect Pursuit*.

THE LORD'S TABLE

While scattered and gathered, we remember Jesus through the breaking of bread together.



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RESPONSE

REFLECTION

- Reflecting on the past few weeks, where do you consistently feel as though you push yourself to live your best life?
- What is your initial reaction to the idea that the church often offers only good advice or good community, instead of the good news? Do you agree? disagree? feel challenged?
- How will you live out your week differently in the light of the good news that Jesus has pursued you perfectly out of his great love for you?

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

Forgetting what is past and straining toward what is ahead,
press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has
called us heavenward in Christ Jesus.

- adapted from Phil 3: 12 - 13

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 share the good news of God's perfect pursuit with others in your
community 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!