



Enhancing Your Online Worship Experience

In this time of separation, we are able to experience the *Blessings of Community* from the comfort of our homes. The convenience of technology enables online worship experiences, previously considered impossible.

Here are a few items that will help to enhance the online worship experience for you and your fellow participants:

- Make sure you are in a well-lit room, and that there is not a light source directly behind you leaving you in shadow. We want to see your smiling face!
- Create an atmosphere that is conducive to your personal worship experience.
- Log in early to check your internet connection
 - Log in with a laptop, desktop, or tablet if possible so that you can enjoy the full experience
 - Do not worry if your only access option is a phone (non Smart Phone). Just know that your experience will be limited to audio only.
- Check your audio settings before logging in
- All microphones will be muted upon entry and during large group gatherings to minimize feedback and/or background noise
- Make sure that images, fans, pets, etc. that appear in your video feed are not distracting to other participants who are watching
- Practice using the “Chat” feature. Feel free to use the “chat” feature for questions, words of affirmation, or just to say hello
- In the event that the breakout rooms are used during the experience...
 - You will receive a prompt asking you to join a breakout room. If you choose not to join, do not log out...you can remain in the "main room" where music will play until the groups have closed and all participants have returned to the main room.
 - You will need to unmute your microphone so you can actively participate in the group. Be sure to familiarize yourself with the location of the "unmute button." Muting will be re-applied upon re-entry to the larger group.
 - If your group experiences problems while in the group, a member of the group can click on the "help" button and invite the host to join you and provide assistance.
 - A 60-second count down clock will appear when the group time is coming near to the end. All participants are automatically returned to the large group at the end of that time.
- Come fully awake and ready to respond!

This is not an exhaustive list; however, these tips will help us promote communities of joy, hope, love, and peace online!