

August 25, 2020

# THE SCATTERED CHURCH

Pastoring the Body of Christ  
in a Time of Pandemic

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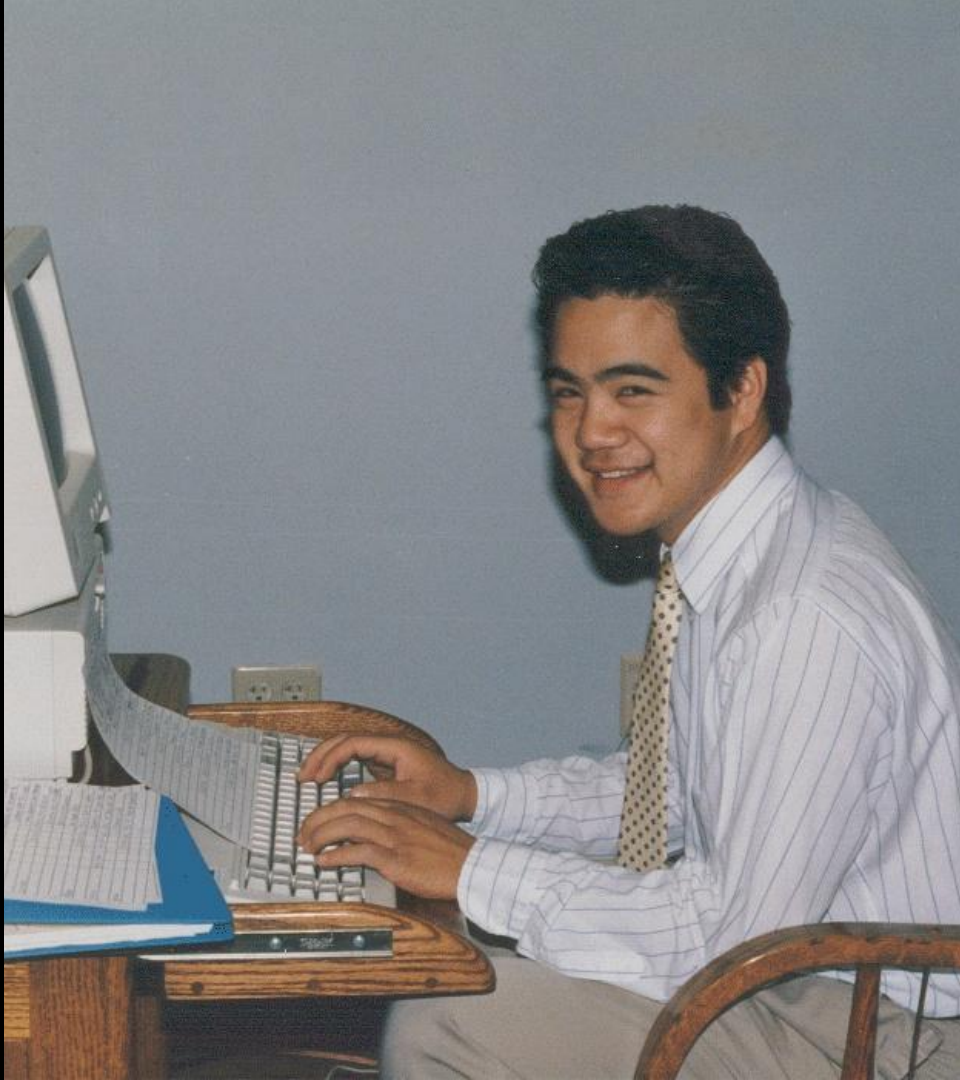
- I / **From Enduring to Embracing:** This COVID19 Pastoral Leadership Journey
- II / **From Congregational Chaos to Communal Life:** Best Practices for Zoom Life
- III / **From “Here” Church to Hybrid Church:** What We Might Become



## FOR TODAY

- Primarily for solo-ish pastoral leadership.
- Please translate for your ministry context.
- Assume Zoom 101.
- Leave questions in the chat and we'll get to them at the end.

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**Bruce Reyes-Chow** 🗽 ... · 31 Jan 10 ▾  
#opening In awe, struggle and joy your people gather this day O God yearning to know and live all that you hope for us. AMEN. #tworship



**Bruce Reyes-Chow** 🗽 ... · 24 Jan 10 ▾  
The #peace of Christ be with you . . . and also with you. Pass it on. #tworship



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#tworship begins in 30 minutes. Get the "Bulletin" here: <http://3bl.me/4txdq4> and join the #twub here: <http://twubs.com/tworship> RT



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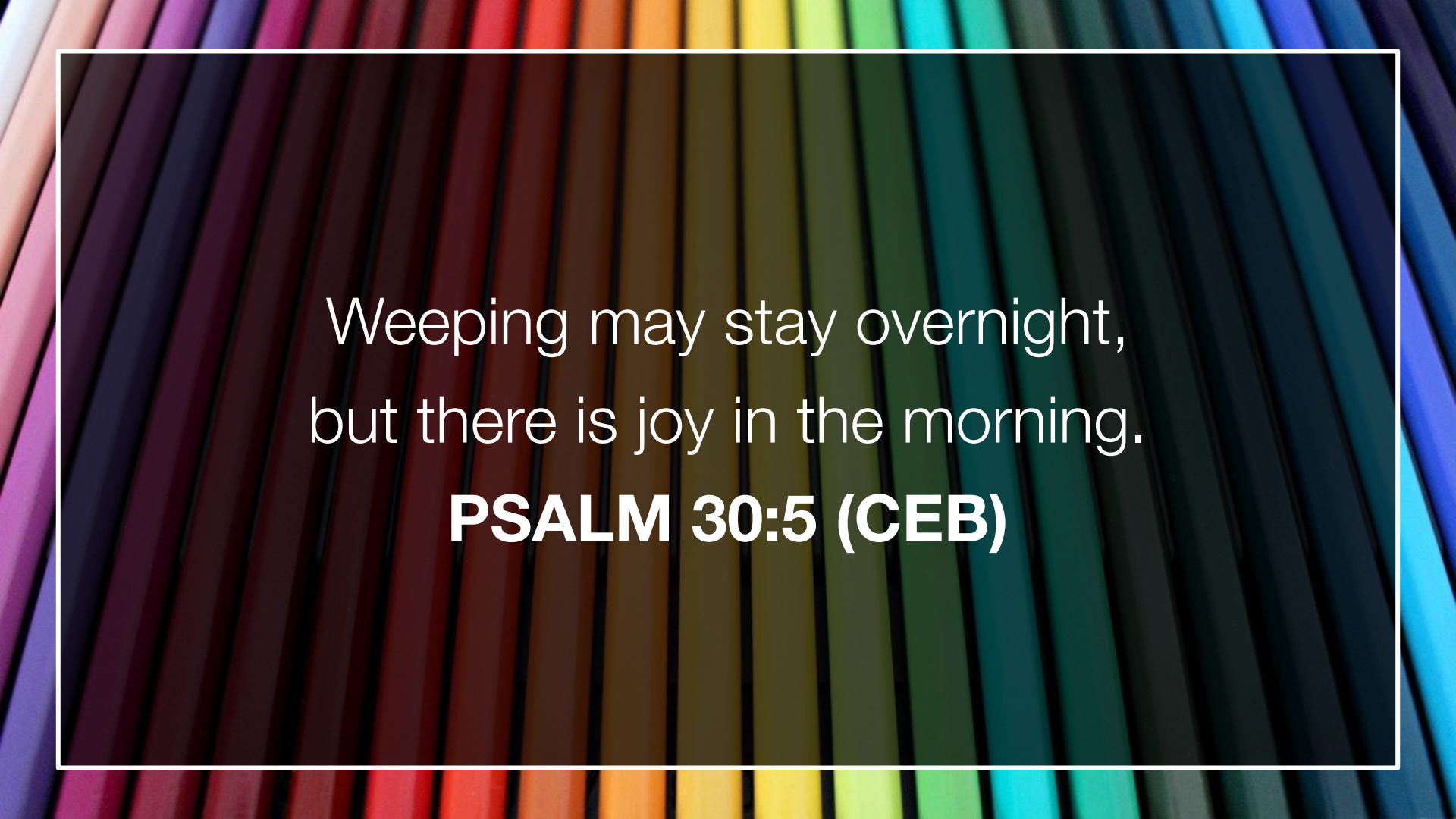
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**FROM ENDURING  
TO EMBRACING**

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God gave some apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers. God's purpose was to equip God's people for the work of serving and building up the body of Christ until we all reach the unity of faith and knowledge of the Child of God.

**EPHESIANS 4:11-13 (CEB)**



Weeping may stay overnight,  
but there is joy in the morning.

**PSALM 30:5 (CEB)**



## **1) I GOT THIS!**

Deep care and concern for the people we serve.

Trying any and all things whether or not folks asked for them or not.

Grace, patience, and understanding abound.



## 2) DEAR GOD.

Overfunction

Overextend

Overwhelm

Try not to panic.

Crash.

Commit to self-care.

REPEAT



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Reflection on how you have modeled adaptive leadership and practices.

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#### **4) READY. SET. LEAD.**

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# BREAKOUTS I

- Introductions: name, pronouns, ministry...
- How are you feeling about the current state of your ministry?
- What have you learned about yourself and about the congregation that you serve?



at the end of the day  
we will be judged on  
how well we treated  
the least of these and  
not by how well we  
lead **zoom** worship

THE SCATTERED CHURCH  
**FROM CONGREGATIONAL CHAOS  
TO CONGREGATIONAL LIFE**

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## PART II

Online vs. In Person

Congregational Life

Zoom General

Zoom Worship

Worship Leadership

ONLINE

IN

PERSON





# **CONGREGATIONAL LIFE**

Prophet Pastor Poet Priest



## PROPHET

- Be clear/consistent about being in-person.
- Attend online events as a community.
- See tech as a chance to build partnerships.
- Seek and try new forms of activism.



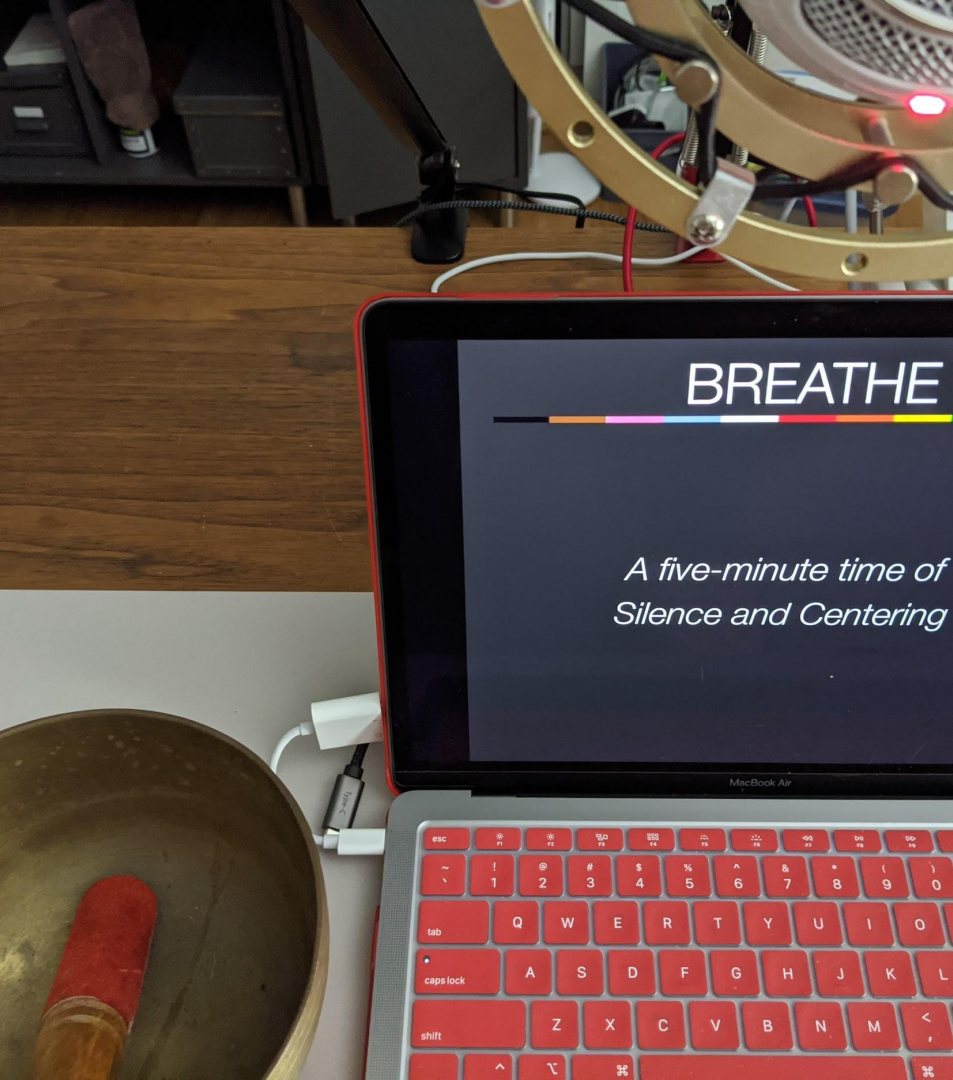
# PASTOR

- Penpals.
- Phone calls and notes.
- Happy Hour or Dessert gatherings.
- Calendly Visits.
- Tech Deacons.
- Run meetings well.
- ***EVANGELISM!***



## POET

- Variety show, open mic, or live concerts.
- Try new things to model ongoing agility and openness.
- Improved video and social media game Youtube, IGLive/IGTV



# PRIEST

- Joint Bible Studies or Book Groups.
- Host Webinars: Authors, Community Leaders, Academics.
- Curate online learning.
- Gatherings: Taize, Lectio, Worship, etc.

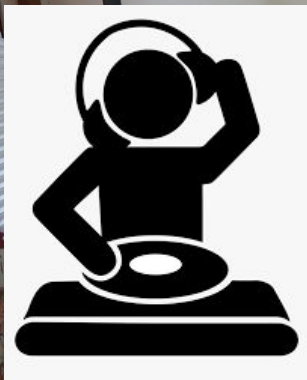


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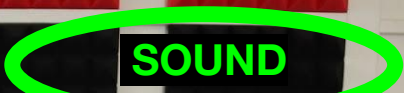


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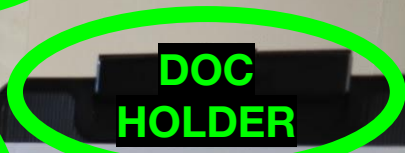
Think of yourself not only as a the meeting host, but also a **Zoom DJ or Curator** who creates and tends a space that is meaningful and life-giving.



**MIC**



**SOUND**



**DOC  
HOLDER**



**LIGHTING**



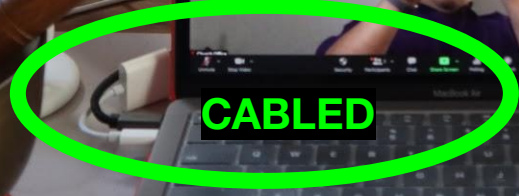
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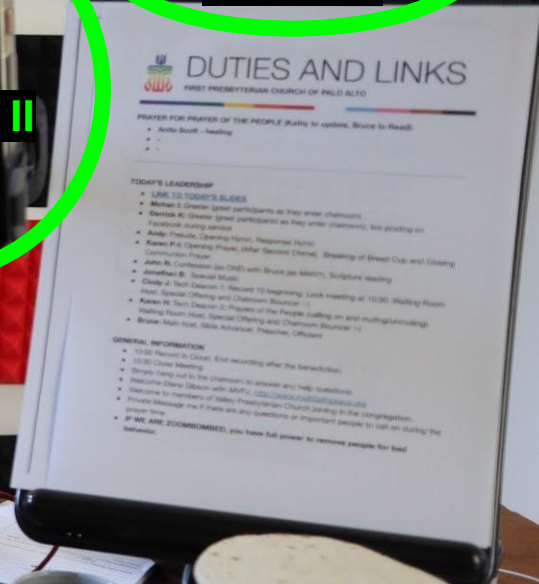
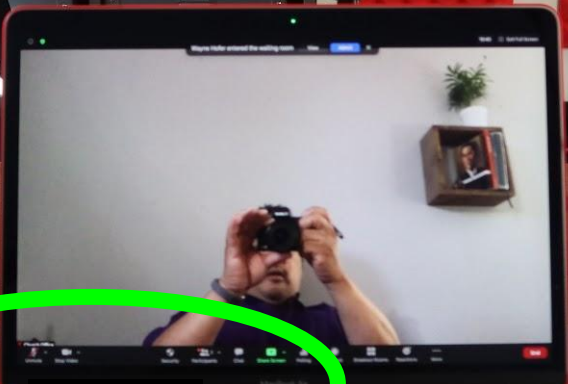
**SPARE**



**TIMER**



**CABLED**



### DUTIES AND LINKS

- PRAYER FOR PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE (Psalm to follow, Bruce to Read)
- Arlo Scott - leading
  - ...
  - ...
- TODAY'S LEADERSHIP
- **LISA TO TOMMY'S BLUES**
  - **Mark H. Greiner** (spirit performance as they enter sanctuary), (see seating on Facebook during service)
  - **Andy Pridale**, Opening Prayer, Response Hymn
  - **Karen P.O. Opening Prayer**, Offer Sanctus (Chorus), Breaking of Bread Cup and Closing Communion Prayer
  - **John M. Confession** (see CME) with Bruce (see MIMM), Scripture reading
  - **Jonathan B. Social Music**
  - **Clay A. Rich** (Sermon 1: Sermon 10 beginning, Look meetings at 10:30, Meeting Room Hour, Special Offering and Chairman Sermon)
  - **Karen W. Tall** (Sermon 2: Prayers of the People (calling on and interceding))
  - **Meeting Room Hour**, Special Offering and Chairman Sermon (1)
  - **Bruce**: Main text, Bible Adoration, Response, Offertory
- GENERAL INFORMATION
- 10:30: Pivotal in Cloud, End meeting after the benediction.
  - 10:30: Online Meeting
  - Simply hang out in the Sanctuary to answer any help-questions.
  - Welcome Home (Sermon with MIMM), <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3000000000000000000000>
  - Prayers of the People (Sermon 2: Prayers of the People (calling on and interceding))
  - **Prayer Service** (the 4th time we are gathered) is important details to tell us during the prayer time
  - **IF WE ARE ZOOMED/ONLINE**, you have full power to remove people for best solutions.





## ZOOM BETTER

- Set mute and video expectations.
- One word check-in or measured time limits.
- Avoid backgrounds as the main leader.
- Preset Poll Questions
- Preset Breakout Info
- Practice. Practice. Pr...



# ZOOM LEADERSHIP WORSHIP

# YOU DO YOU

- Pre-Recorded or Live: honor your context.
- Know your capacity: technologically, communicably, etc.
- Zoom: live vibe, faces interactive, responsive, and one-n-done.





# ZOOM BETTER

- Slide design: masters, two fonts, two colors.
- Images w/Pexels.com
- Simplify transitions.
- Clarity: mics, lighting, background, etc.
- Window switching.
- Practice. Practice. Pr...

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF  
**PALO ALTO**



**August 30, 2020**

Please change your screen name to your preferred name including preferred pronouns. Feel free to introduce yourself in the chatroom.

**We will begin in a few moments.**



# WELCOME

Whether you are a long time member,  
a returning friend, or this is your first  
time with us, we are glad you are here!



# ZOOM REMINDERS

- VIDEO: Sharing your video is optional.
- RECORDING: YouTube and IGTV.
- CHATROOM: Ask, Pray, Love.
- SAFETY: Mute/unMute & 10:30 close.
- GRACE: This will not be perfect.



# SIMPLE SERVICE

- GATHER: Prayer, 🎵, Confession, ☮️
- SCRIPTURE: Readings & Reflection
- RESPONSE: Offering, 🎵, Prayers
- COMMUNION: Sharing 🍞 🍇
- SENDING: Charge, Benediction, ☕



# Candidate Interviews

Bruce sits down with individual candidates for Palo Alto City Council talking their lives, local issues, and life in Palo Alto.

**Wednesdays and Fridays  
1:00-2:00 | Zoom Webinars  
August 26 - September 30  
Link in chat**

**Election  
2020**

**Palo Alto  
City Council  
#PaloAltoCC**



# “Coffee Hour” BREAK-OUTS

Immediately following worship  
you are invited to join others for  
a 15-minute break-out time to  
connect with others.



**IMMEDIATELY  
FOLLOWING WORSHIP**



# ZOOM WORSHIP

Simplify by reimagining rather than replicating.

Features: \*6/\*9, spotlight, raise hand, guests.

Chatroom Invitations

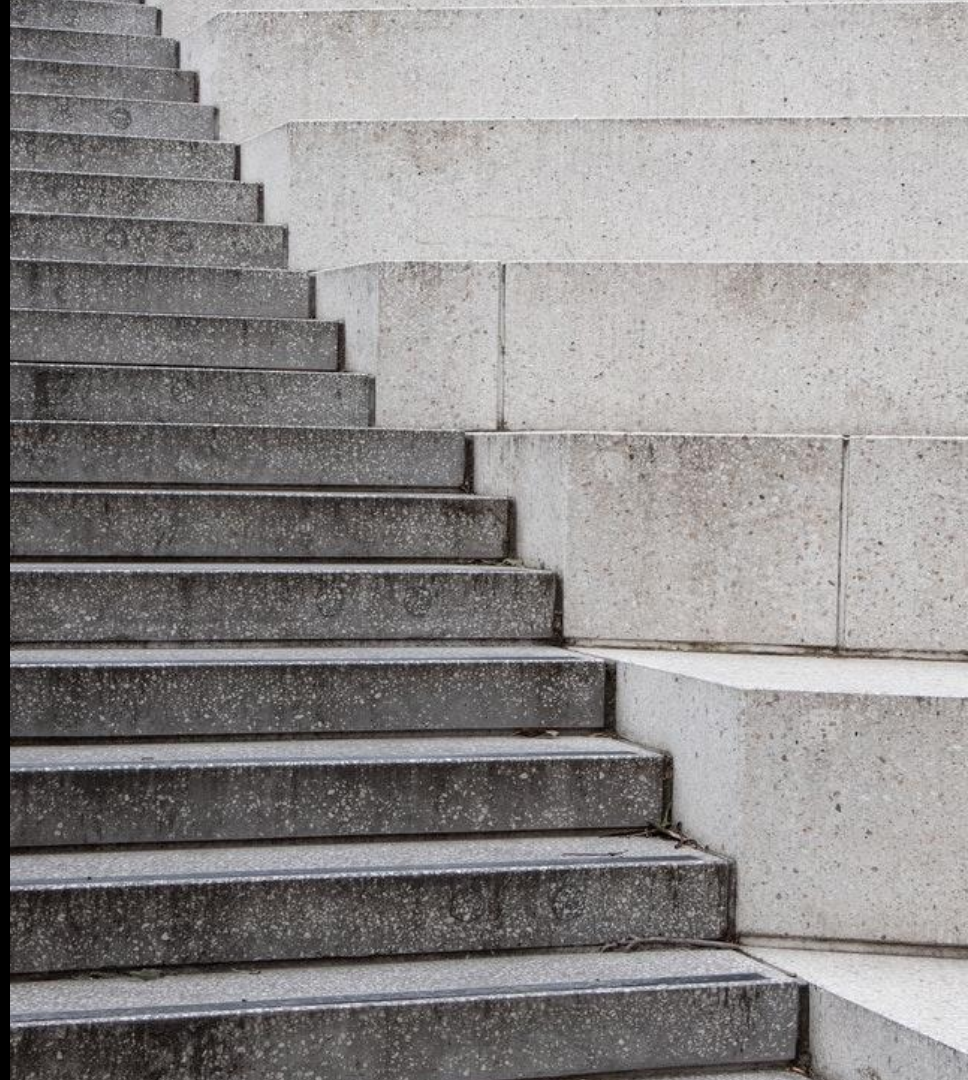
Make Video Optional.

Lead as if all are new.



# LEADERSHIP

- Build a Worship Team: Liturgists, Greeters, Bouncers, Deacons...
- Know what feeds you, know your limitations, and what you need hand off to others.
- **Take a Sunday off.**



# TEND TO YOURSELF

- Give up territorialism and check your ego.
- Share small groups.
- Exchange full Sunday Worship experiences.
- Schedule at least one day with no Zooming.
- **Take your vacation.**



# BREAKOUTS II

- Introductions: name, pronouns, ministry...
- What opportunities is God revealing before the congregation that you serve?
- Where is your curiosity and imagination leading you as a leader?



**stop being surprised  
by how well you  
and the churches  
you serve have done  
during the pandemic**



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# FROM “HERE” CHURCH TO HYBRID CHURCH

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## PART III

Theological  
Understanding

Lived Community

Curated Space

Logistics



# THEOLOGICAL UNDERSTANDING

Can you articulate and champion a theological understanding of and calling to being church beyond buildings, borders, and geography?



# THEOLOGICAL UNDERSTANDING

Is there such a thing as “real” church?

When do we cross the line between worship what we do and worshiping God?



# THE EXPANDED TABLE

We have stood behind wooden tables and spoken metaphorically about the expansive nature of Christ.

We are now given the chance to act as if we believe this to be true.

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## May 20, 2020

“Barring definitive scientific developments that would allow groups to gather without social distancing and safety precautions, and being committed to worship experiences where all are welcome, FPCPA will not hold worship services in the church buildings until after the end of 2020.”



# DISCERNMENT

- What have we learned about ourselves?
- What have we lost?
- What have we gained?
- What are the realities of COVID-19's impact on the future of our church?
- What are the possibilities that God may be revealing before us?





# LIVED COMMUNITY

Create and support such a lived community so that when you do gather in-person, people have no choice but to remember those who are gathering online.



# LIVED COMMUNITY

- Change language that not longer centers on physical space.
- Create more intimate spaces for interaction.
- Be proactive about pushing against the inertia of Going Back.





# CURATED SPACE

- Create physical reminders that the in-person community is not the center of the worship experience.
- Think “DJ” Station rather than streamed channel or altar.

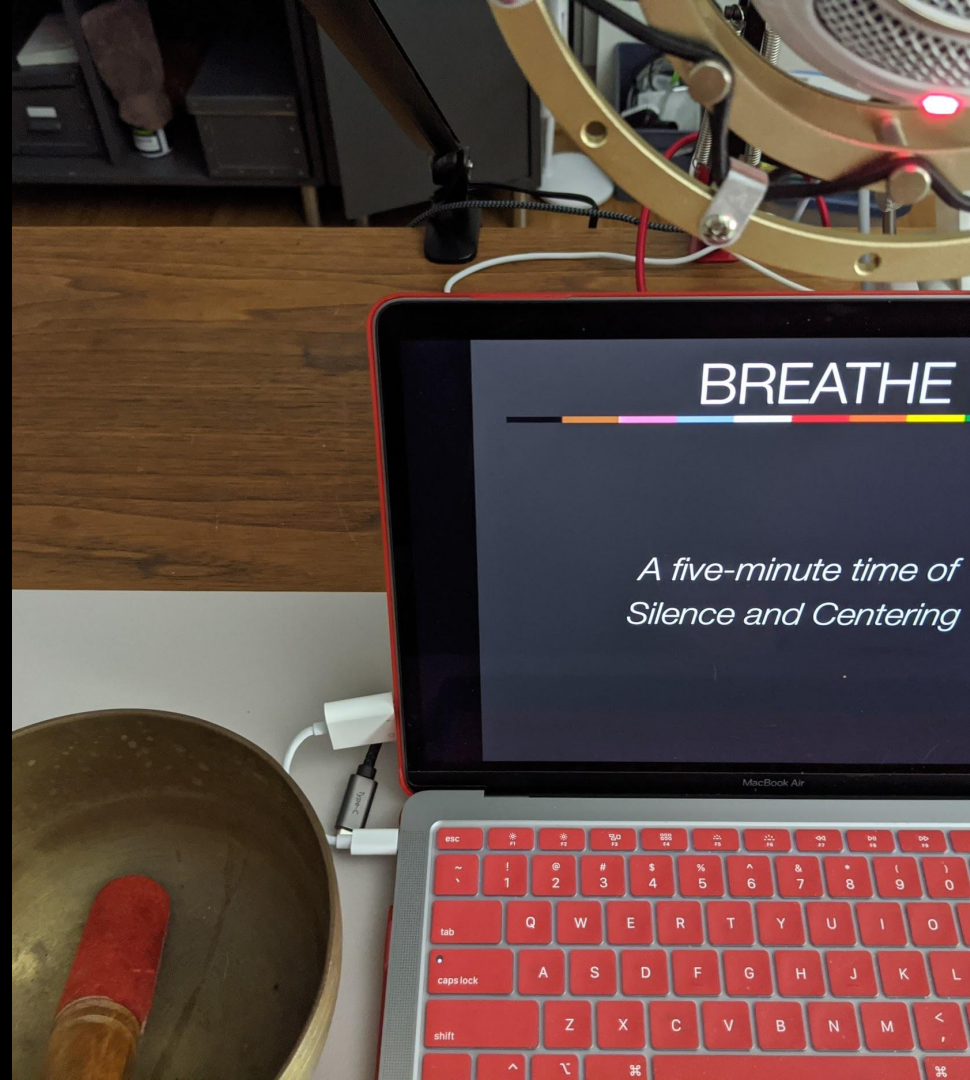


# CURATED SPACE

- Find ways to have faces shown to all people: projection, laptops, phones, etc.
- Change seating.
- Upgrade technology and internet speed.
- Practice. Repeat.

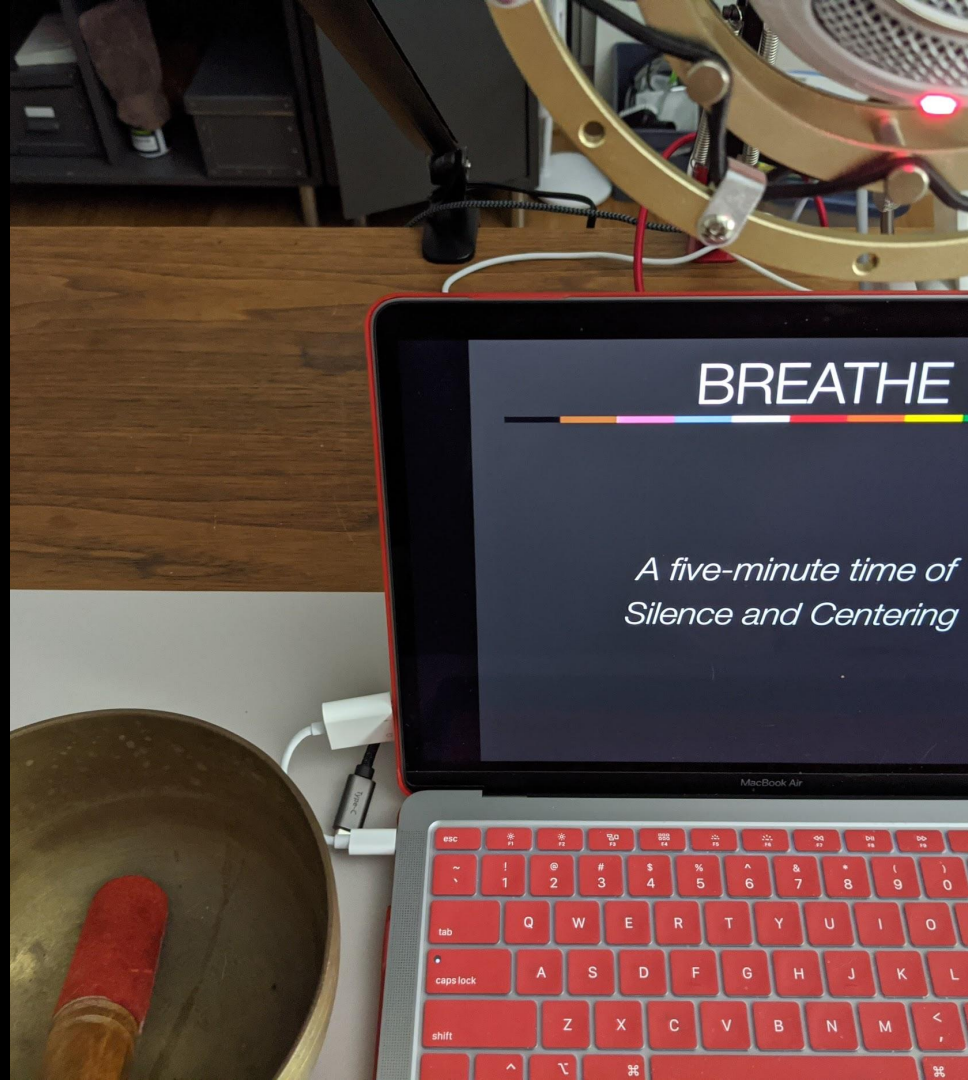
# WORSHIP

- Worship Tech Team: Chatroom Greeters, Meeting Bouncers, Tech Deacons.
- Expand Online Worship Leadership: preachers, liturgists, special music, offering, etc.



# WORSHIP

- Think through ritual that does not create in/out: communion, laying on of hands, baptisms, etc.
- Encourage interaction between all attendees: polls, breakouts, etc.





## THE BIG QUESTION

Do you have the capacity  
and conviction?

- Yes.
- No.
- Maybe?
- Not yet.

# QUESTIONS & RESPONSE



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