



Join Us for Presbytery Worship Via Zoom!

The May 19 meeting of the Presbytery of Des Moines will look quite different from our usual gatherings. The meeting, which will be held online via Zoom, will have only one purpose: bringing us together for the worship of God. The worship service will begin at 11:00 am. There will be time for fellowship at 10:30-11:00, and immediately after the service.

The presbytery's Worship Committee has been busy creating a service of hope and encouragement to help support us all during this pandemic journey. The service will include music, Scripture readings, a sermon by RE Midge Slater (DM First), and the sacrament of Holy Communion (with participants providing their own elements). By using Zoom, we will be able to see and hear each other so that we can worship together.

The link to the Zoom meeting will be sent in an email a few days before the worship service.

Details and tips for using Zoom:

- **If you do not have a Zoom account:** You can easily install the app on your laptop, desktop, mobile phone, or tablet.
 - On your laptop or desktop, go to www.zoom.us, click on “sign up,” and follow the directions. As soon as you activate your account, you will receive another email with “Getting Started” directions.
 - On iPhone, download the app from the App Store.
 - On Android phone, download the app from Google Play.
- It will only take a few minutes, but please give yourself enough time and sign up for the account well in advance before the worship service.

- **Get help from a Tech Deacon:** If you need help getting set up with the Zoom software, we have some tech-savvy folks who have volunteered to help with set up and troubleshooting over the phone if you are having any problems. Contact any of the folks below if you need assistance:
 - Dwight Tomes, 515-240-6633
 - Betty Dyer, 515-971-8406
 - Kristen Pike, 515-230-6511
 - Jessica Paulsen, 641-418-8143
 - Nathan Williams, 515-380-8102
- You can also **join using your landline phone**, but you will only have audio and will not be able to see the service. The phone number to dial will be sent in an email a few days before the worship service.
- **Thoughts on Zoom audio:** The audio quality is usually better using earphones or earbuds. For most of the service, we will likely try to keep everyone on mute except for worship leaders.
- **Thoughts on Zoom video:** Some of you might not be comfortable being on camera, but since we aren't able to see each other in person, we hope you will give it a try. If you prefer to just listen, you can cover your camera or choose to only share audio from your screen.
- **Zoom trial run:** On Monday, May 18, at 11:00 am we will have a trial run for those who need technical support. This will be a time for those who are new to Zoom to get the necessary help needed to log in and adjust their video and audio. Contact Betty at bdyer@dmpresbytery.org for the link.

On the day of our worship gathering:

- **Prepare for worship:** Because this worship service will include Communion, you are invited to have your own elements in place prior to the service – a piece of bread or a cracker, and a small cup of juice or wine. Though it will not be necessary, you may also wish to have a Bible with you.
- **Click the link on the invitation email:** A day or two before the meeting, you will receive an email inviting you to participate in the service. The email will include a link, which you will click on prior to the start of the service to get connected.
- **Prior to the service, get tech assistance, or just join us for fellowship:** To ensure that everyone has ample time to get online, or to get help with any last-minute difficulties, you are welcome to join us online early, beginning at 10:30 am. If your log-on goes smoothly, use this time to visit with others who are joining the meeting. If you have difficulties, you will have time to get help from one of the Tech Deacons listed above.

We hope you will join us for this opportunity to be “together” while we must remain apart from one another. We pray that our unity as the Body of Christ will strengthen and inspire us as we move forward in faith.

