

The Evolution of Online Worship

Have you attended our Online Worship lately? If not, you might want to check it out.

Starting in mid-March of 2020, we have been recording our weekly Worship Services and publishing them on our YouTube Channel. Our goal has been to provide as much of a “Church like” experience to those staying home as possible.

Initially we were filming with one camera and editing together several “takes” to create the Service. In June we received a very generous donation to upgrade our video/audio recording system. We now have three “High Definition” (very clear picture quality) Cameras and improved audio capabilities. A major part of this system upgrade is a control panel that allows us to mix the cameras and audio as we record. With this new equipment, we now film the Service as it is happening all in one “take”.

Since the beginning of this journey, Christi Blahnik, our Accompanist, has been recording Preludes, Hymns, Solos and all other musical interludes for the Worship Services. We are very blessed and grateful to have such a talented person as Christi. As of November, the Chancel Choir, accompanied by Christi, has been recording the Hymns for Worship, which has given the feeling of a full Church to the viewers at home. Our Sierra Ringers Bell Choir has provided us with recorded performances throughout this time, which greatly helps viewers at home to feel like they are in Church. Numerous Soloists have also added to the Online Worship experience to help us be together while we are apart.

Now here we are in 2021. The Church building is currently closed, which means that the Choir and Full Bell Choir cannot record in the building. So, we are now using recordings from pre-COVID Worship Services to provide the Hymns, Choir Anthems, Bell Performances, Solos and other Worship Music. Now when you watch the Online Worship you will see and hear crowds of people in the pews. This will give us hope that at some point in the hopefully not too distant future we will be back in Church together again. Until then, we pray that you stay safe and healthy.

There are several ways to access our YouTube Channel (CVUMC Len), but the easiest is to go to our Website at www.carsovalleyumc.com. There on the front page you will find the Link that will take you directly to our Channel. You will have access to all our recorded Worship Services, Bell Choir performances, Children’s Messages, Solos and some Choir Anthems as well. Additionally, every week an email is sent out with the direct Link for that week’s Worship Service Online. If you are not receiving these weekly emails, give me a call at the office, (775) 782-4600.

Whether at home or eventually in Church, now is the time that we can Worship together.

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