Preparation for Worship
During this season of social distancing, with the aid of technology we connect in worship. Though separated by location, all are invited to engage in worship together.

Organ Prelude  
*My Heart Is Filled with Longing*  
J.S. Bach

The Light of Presence
The lighting of a candle signifies the holy presence alive in all.

Statement of Worship  
*Nancy E. Petty*

Reflection  
*Larry E. Schultz*

Song of Lament  
*Lament: My Heart Is Breaking*  
Adam Tice/Mark Miller
Sung by the composer, Mark Miller, this hymn was written several days ago in collaboration with text writer, Adam Tice. They used part of another piece they were already composing together to create this timely lament.

My heart is breaking, my fury shaking,  
my soul is tired, my breath is gone.  
I cry, "how long, Lord, this evil season?"  
unending pain and tears.

Use our anger to melt the swords of hate.  
Use our tears to water thirsty ground.  
Give us courage to love all you create.  
Come to us and turn your world around.  
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Reflection  
*Tommy Cook and Brian Crisp*

Prayers of Confession

Reflection  
*Bryan Lee*

Piano Meditation  
*Improvisation on Balm in Gilead*  
Arr. Joseph Martin

Reflection  
*Chalice Overy*

Communion  
*Nancy E. Petty*
Song of Resolve  

DeAndre Johnson

From the composer/soloist, DeAndre Johnson: Though originally written in 2016 after the deaths of Alton Sterling and Philando Castille, this hymn is meant as a song of lament for all black sons and daughters who have been harmed and vilified by the justice system. (“Kyrie/Christe eleison” means “Lord/Christ have mercy.”)

There are no words that can contain the depth of sorrow, grief and pain that mothers, sons, and all exclaim: Kyrie eleison!

"It is enough!", the prophets cry yet still black men are doomed to die by those who wish to vilify: Kyrie eleison!

It is enough! The harm must cease from warring madness by police who are sworn to protect, keep peace: Kyrie eleison!

It is enough! We cannot wait! no more excuse for bias, hate! Your savagery we cannot take: Christe eleison!

It is enough! We cannot breathe! Will you stand there and watch us bleed? Are you not moved by cries and pleas? Christe eleison!

No! No more death! It is enough! No more dead sons! It is enough! No! No more tears for lives cut short: Christe eleison!

O my soul, it aches and yearns for a day when passions burn for others with deep love, concern: Kyrie eleison!

I've had enough of these charades, of clichés and hasty crusades whose triteness wounds and cuts like blades: Kyrie eleison!

There are no words that can contain the depth of wounds our souls sustain each time a grieving heart exclaims: Kyrie eleison!
Benediction

Organ Postlude

If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee

J.S. Bach

Worship Leaders:
Janice Hocutt, Pianist/Organist
Tommy Cook, Minister with Children and their Families
Brian Crisp, Minister of Missions and Adult Education
Bryan Lee, Minister with Youth and their Families
Chalice Overy, Associate Pastor
Nancy E. Petty, Pastor
Larry E. Schultz, Minister of Music

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