

Tools for Gathering and Worshipping Online

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Jeremy Tackett, Sr. Manager for Creative Services and Digital Evangelist hosts a discussion about ways to gather online and host worship online.



Notes and Resources shared during the conversation:

Platforms

- www.webex.com
- Zoom.us: There are discounted Zoom accounts through TechSoup, which is a go-between for tech donations to nonprofits (as well as all sorts of software, subscriptions, and hardware).
- Bluejeans is good and secure but it appears you have to send the link to individual email addresses.
- GoogleMeet runs best on Chrome
- Facebook Rooms can be used for gathering, office hours, hanging out together. Can invite friends and groups.
- meet.jit.si
- Skype for phone calls and video calls, no share screen feature
- Discord
- Vimeo Streaming
- Streamyard - You can add folks in and out for readings, show videos, have live music, etc.
- App called Aware3

Music, Licensing and Public Domain

Singing and Music

Brent House has leaned into the out-of-sync singing by having what my compline leader called an “aleatoric responsory” where we sing a simple tune all at once. I don’t know that I love it, but it’s a fun experiment. It’s about halfway down the screen:

<https://brenthouse.philipmcgrath.com/compline-2020-05-27.html>

Music Resources

- <https://episcopalchurch.org/concerning-covid19/worship-formation>
- The Music Bed
- Artlist.io
- videohive
- ccli.org
- MyNoise.net

Space and Tone

What best practices have you run into re: setting space/setting tone? Doing worship with congregational responses? How have people been incorporating music?

- Audio is key.
- Candles and lighting.
- Music that is live or prerecorded.
- Encouraging those joining you on worship to “set” their worship space too with candles, sacred objects, and/or music.
- Think about your backdrop and what tone it gives.

Games being played online?

- D&D
- quiplash!
- Jackbox games can be played either on Switch or on a desktop
- Sidekick from DownloadYouthMinsitry ... there’s a monthly subscription fee, but it’s super-fun, and you can edit all the games to make them your own.
- Game of Things works really well on Zoom, up to the natural limits of the game... maybe up to 10?

Podcasts

- Podcast Mics: Yeti blue microphone
- Software for podcasts: Audacity, Podbean

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