

August 1 – Twenty-Fourth Day

It is difficult to talk about worship when we can't worship in the ways that we are used to worshipping. As we continue to struggle with this pandemic, coming together as a community of believers is essentially impossible. Even when it becomes "safer" to worship in-person, there will still be many people who won't be able to join us. So, what do we do?

Hopefully, we can find different ways to worship and still experience God. During his Podcast, Bishop Curry talked about experiencing God while worshipping in different languages and different traditions.

One summer, I went with a group of church members to Honduras for a medical mission trip. To say I was nervous about the trip would be an understatement. I wasn't a medical person and I didn't speak Spanish, so it felt like a disaster. While we were there, we went to the local Anglican church for worship. The worship was entirely in Spanish using the Book of Common Prayer. Even though I had no idea what was being said, there was a certain pace to the service that matched the pace of an English language services. It was comforting and it turned my mission trip experience around. I felt God in the midst of everything that was happening and trusted that God would be with me. The mission trip turned out to be great.

If we let go of our preconceived notions and our disappointments that things aren't like they used to be then we can begin to worship meaningfully.

I encourage you to set aside time to worship weekly without interruption.

Perhaps you can sit outside under the trees and listen to Father Jeff's sermon.

[Maybe join St. Paul's Within the Walls Episcopal Church in Rome for worship one Sunday.](#)

[Perhaps The Church of St Augustine of Canterbury \(Anglican/Episcopal\) in Wiesbaden, Germany would be meaningful.](#)

You can go to YouTube and search for a Jewish Worship Service or a Greek Orthodox Service.

The key is to set aside time for God. God will find a way to speak to you in incredible ways.