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III / From “Here” Church to Hybrid Church: What We Might Become
FOR TODAY

- Primarily for solo-ish pastoral leadership.
- Please translate for your ministry context.
- Assume Zoom 101.
- Leave questions in the chat and we’ll get to them at the end.
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Bruce Reyes-Chow 31 Jan 10
opening In awe, struggle and joy your people gather this day O God yearning to know and live all that you hope for us. AMEN. #tworship

Bruce Reyes-Chow 24 Jan 10
The #peace of Christ be with you . . . and also with you. Pass it on. #tworship

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#tworship begins in 30 minutes. Get the "Bulletin" here: http://3bl.me/4txdq4 and join the #twub here: http://twubs.com/twormship_B
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THE SCATTERED CHURCH
FROM ENDURING TO EMBRACING
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God gave some apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers. God’s purpose was to equip God’s people for the work of serving and building up the body of Christ until we all reach the unity of faith and knowledge of the Child of God.

EPHESIANS 4:11-13 (CEB)
Weeping may stay overnight, but there is joy in the morning.

PSALM 30:5 (CEB)
1) I GOT THIS!

Deep care and concern for the people we serve. Trying any and all things whether or not folks asked for them or not. Grace, patience, and understanding abound.
2) DEAR GOD.

Overfunction
Overextend
Overwhelm
Try not to panic.
Crash.
Commit to self-care.
REPEAT
3) TAKE A BREATH

Deeply embrace this time as a real new normal.

Reflection on how you have modeled adaptive leadership and practices.

Begin to reimagine and dream about the future.
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4) READY. SET. LEAD.

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BREAKOUTS I

● Introductions: name, pronouns, ministry…
● How are you feeling about the current state of your ministry?
● What have you learned about yourself and about the congregation that you serve?
at the end of the day
we will be judged on
how well we treated
the least of these and
not by how well we
lead zoom worship

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THE SCATTERED CHURCH
FROM CONGREGATIONAL CHAOS
TO CONGREGATIONAL LIFE
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PART II

Online vs. In Person
Congregational Life
Zoom General
Zoom Worship
Worship Leadership
ONLINE IN PERSON
CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Prophet Pastor Poet Priest
PROPHET

- Be clear/consistent about being in-person.
- Attend online events as a community.
- See tech as a chance to build partnerships.
- Seek and try new forms of activism.
PASTOR

- Penpals.
- Phone calls and notes.
- Happy Hour or Dessert gatherings.
- Calendly Visits.
- Tech Deacons.
- Run meetings well.
- **EVANGELISM!**
POET

- Variety show, open mic, or live concerts.
- Try new things to model ongoing agility and openness.
- Improved video and social media game
  Youtube, IGLive/IGTV
PRIEST

- Joint Bible Studies or Book Groups.
- Host Webinars: Authors, Community Leaders, Academics.
- Curate online learning.
- Gatherings: Taize, Lectio, Worship, etc.
ZOOM LEADERSHIP
GENERAL
Think of yourself not only as a the meeting host, but also a Zoom DJ or Curator who creates and tends a space that is meaningful and life-giving.
ZOOM BETTER

- Set mute and video expectations.
- One word check-in or measured time limits.
- Avoid backgrounds as the main leader.
- Preset Poll Questions
- Preset Breakout Info
- Practice. Practice. Pr...
YOU DO YOU

- Pre-Recorded or Live: honor your context.
- Know your capacity: technologically, communically, etc.
- Zoom: live vibe, faces interactive, responsive, and one-n-done.
ZOOM BETTER

- Slide design: masters, two fonts, two colors.
- Images w/Pexels.com
- Simplify transitions.
- Clarity: mics, lighting, background, etc.
- Window switching.
- Practice. Practice. Pr...
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PALO ALTO

August 30, 2020

Please change your screen name to your preferred name including preferred pronouns. Feel free to introduce yourself in the chatroom.

We will begin in a few moments.
WELCOME

Whether you are a long time member, a returning friend, or this is your first time with us, we are glad you are here!
ZOOM REMINDERS

● VIDEO: Sharing your video is optional.
● RECORDING: YouTube and IGTV.
● CHATROOM: Ask, Pray, Love.
● SAFETY: Mute/unMute & 10:30 close.
● GRACE: This will not be perfect.
SIMPLE SERVICE

- **GATHER:** Prayer, 🎵, Confession, 🧵
- **SCRIPTURE:** Readings & Reflection
- **RESPONSE:** Offering, 🎵, Prayers
- **COMMUNION:** Sharing 🍞🍇
- **SENDING:** Charge, Benediction, ☕
Candidate Interviews

Bruce sits down with individual candidates for Palo Alto City Council talking their lives, local issues, and life in Palo Alto.

Wednesdays and Fridays 1:00-2:00 | Zoom Webinars
August 26 - September 30
Link in chat
“Coffee Hour”
BREAK-OUTS
Immediately following worship you are invited to join others for a 15-minute break-out time to connect with others.

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP
ZOOM WORSHIP

Simplify by reimagining rather than replicating.

Features: *6/*9, spotlight, raise hand, guests.

Chatroom Invitations
Make Video Optional.

Lead as if all are new.
LEADERSHIP

● Build a Worship Team: Liturgists, Greeters, Bouncers, Deacons...
● Know what feeds you, know your limitations, and what you need hand off to others.
● Take a Sunday off.
TEND TO YOURSELF

- Give up territorialism and check your ego.
- Share small groups.
- Exchange full Sunday Worship experiences.
- Schedule at least one day with no Zooming.
- Take your vacation.
BREAKOUTS II

- Introductions: name, pronouns, ministry...
- What opportunities is God revealing before the congregation that you serve?
- Where is your curiosity and imagination leading you as a leader?
stop being surprised by how well you and the churches you serve have done during the pandemic

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THE SCATTERED CHURCH

FROM “HERE” CHURCH

TO HYBRID CHURCH

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PART III
Theological Understanding
Lived Community
Curated Space
Logistics
THEOLOGICAL UNDERSTANDING

Can you articulate and champion a theological understanding of and calling to being church beyond buildings, borders, and geography?
THEOLOGICAL UNDERSTANDING

Is there such a thing as “real” church?

When do we cross the line between worshiping what we do and worshiping God?
We have stood behind wooden tables and spoken metaphorically about the expansive nature of Christ. We are now given the chance to act as if we believe this to be true.
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PALO ALTO
@fpcpaltoalto
May 20, 2020

“Barring definitive scientific developments that would allow groups to gather without social distancing and safety precautions, and being committed to worship experiences where all are welcome, FPCPA will not hold worship services in the church buildings until after the end of 2020.”
DISCERNMENT

- What have we learned about ourselves?
- What have we lost?
- What have we gained?
- What are the realities of COVID-19’s impact on the future of our church?
- What are the possibilities that God may be revealing before us?
Create and support such a lived community so that when you do gather in-person, people have no choice but to remember those who are gathering online.
**LIVED COMMUNITY**

- Change language that no longer centers on physical space.
- Create more intimate spaces for interaction.
- Be proactive about pushing against the inertia of Going Back.
CURATED SPACE

- Create physical reminders that the in-person community is not the center of the worship experience.
- Think “DJ” Station rather than streamed chancel or altar.
CURATED SPACE

- Find ways to have faces shown to all people: projection, laptops, phones, etc.
- Change seating.
- Upgrade technology and internet speed.
- Practice. Repeat.
WORSHIP

● Worship Tech Team: Chatroom Greeters, Meeting Bouncers, Tech Deacons.

● Expand Online Worship Leadership: preachers, liturgists, special music, offering, etc.
WORSHIP

- Think through ritual that does not create in/out: communion, laying on of hands, baptisms, etc.
- Encourage interaction between all attendees: polls, breakouts, etc.
THE BIG QUESTION

Do you have the capacity and conviction?

☐ Yes.
☐ No.
☐ Maybe?
☐ Not yet.
QUESTIONS & RESPONSE

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