

Director of Worship and Music Ministries Ben Fowler

This past year, as we dealt with the COVID-19 pandemic, Music Ministries moved its ministry presence online. We learned how to plan and implement all aspects of recorded worship—video, audio, lighting, and staging. We worked to add variety to the worship services in hopes of increasing engagement in the online space. We thank Colin Walker for producing and editing all of the service videos. This was a huge, time-consuming undertaking and we are grateful to him and his family for generously giving his time and talent to help us stay connected to God and each other in worship. We have found that this is a meaningful way for folks to connect with the church and so we are planning on providing some type of online worship service experience even as we resume in-person services.

We're grateful to Dean Robinson, our staff organist, for faithfully and beautifully accompanying our worship. We also are thankful for the many guests that were able to join us for different services. A big thank you to Cantorei for their involvement in Christmas Eve and Holy Week services. Learning how to use multiple devices at a time to record themselves was no easy task and they managed it with great aplomb. Maundy Thursday's "Colors of Grace" musical presentation was especially meaningful, highlighted by the visual arts and editing work by Colin. We look forward to once again meeting and singing together in person.

Thank you for your support in the past year as we've endeavored to stay connected in worship.

With gratitude,

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