

We invite you to incorporate the work of resisting harm into the worship life of your church or group. Even in a time of pandemic, when our communities cannot worship together in physical space, this worksheet is a tool for use as a starting point for finding ways to incorporate #ResistHarm into worship, whatever that looks like at this moment; we encourage you to be prayerful and creative as you seek to be faithful to your context. In the postures of worship, we believe God can do incredible work with us as we resist harm and proclaim the expansive grace of Jesus Christ.

Worship Ideas in April (Light)

Holy Week – Consider focusing on the interplay between darkness and light for Palm/Passion Sunday and Holy Week. Traditions like [Tenebrae](#) provide opening; connect suffering in this world, including harm against LGBTQ people, people of color, and other marginalized people, with the suffering of Christ.

Easter – Celebrate that death does not get the final word, and even our attempts to silence and exclude cannot stop the life-giving work of Christ.

Native American Awareness Sunday (April 26)

– Honor the voices of Native American leaders and theologians in naming our call to resist harm against one another. Acknowledge the generations of harm caused by church leaders against Native Americans in relief to our call to resist harm.

We are to be bearers of God's light in a broken world. God calls us all to carry the truth of God's love to all of God's people without exceptions. This month, Resist Harm focuses on light, as we lean into God's life-giving power and resist any more harm to God's LGBTQ children.

Where do you see God's Holy Spirit at work in all people, regardless of sexual orientation and gender identity? Are there signs of Christ's light that we can lift up as they shine through some of the people our denomination seeks to exclude?

What parts of Holy Week and Easter tradition are you most committed to translating into home-based or virtual worship? What does the Light of Christ offer to those who are most vulnerable?

Who can we learn from about how to sustain life during physical separation? Our homebound? Those who've been otherwise excluded from community? What specific ways can you bear light together?

Want to know more about how to connect "resistance" to our Christian faith?

Check out study resources at www.resistharm.org/education. Invite a small group to read and discuss about the long and deep connection between the two.

Whether you begin from lectionary texts or not, we encourage you to prayerfully consider your context. What words, songs, prayers, and rituals proclaim God's grace in sacred resistance where you are? What is God calling you to include?

April 5

Lectionary Texts:
Matthew 21:1-11
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11

Ideas for April 5 (Palm/Passion Sunday)

Maundy Thursday/ Good Friday/ Easter Vigil

Ideas for Holy Week Services (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday)

April 12

Lectionary Texts:
Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Colossians 3:1-4
John 20:1-18
Matthew 28:1-10

Ideas for April 12 (Easter)

April 19

Lectionary Texts:
Acts 2:14a, 22-32
Psalm 16
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

Ideas for April 19 (2nd Sunday of Easter)

April 26

Lectionary Texts:
Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
1 Peter 1:17-23
Luke 24:13-35

Ideas for April 26 (2nd Sunday of Easter/Native American Awareness Sunday)