

## **Worship Servant Guide: Online Usher**

*Thank you for serving as Good Soil's online usher! You are a vital part of helping folks experience a sense of God's wide welcome and hospitality through Good Soil, even from afar. You are welcome to attend in-person while serving as the online usher if you keep your phone/tablet on silent. You can also serve from home.*

### **During the Prelude**

- ❖ Say good morning and welcome people to worship through the comments. Include a special welcome to anyone who may be worshipping with Good Soil for the first time today.
- ❖ Tell everyone you are serving as the online usher for the day.
- ❖ Ask for any prayer requests through the comments.

### **During the Announcements**

- ❖ Please put announcements in the comments: (enter as separate comments so people don't have to click on them to be able to read the whole thing).
  - ❖ The bulletin for today's service can be accessed here:  
<https://www.goodsoillutheran.org/worship/bulletins/>
  - ❖ Cara Rovella, Good Soil's Communications & Community Life Coordinator, will email you additional announcements to highlight in the comments, as well as the sermon reflection question to post after the sermon is finished.

### **Throughout the Service**

- ❖ Respond to comments made by fellow worshipers. "Like" comments and/or respond with your own. Comment throughout the service ("wonderful hymn," "powerful message," share a phrase of scripture that jumps out to you, etc.).
- ❖ Respond to the sermon reflection question (as you are able) and invite others to do the same.

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- ❖ During the **Prayers of Intercession** there is a place where we pray for people by name. If you have received prayer requests through the comments, put those names in the comments at this time (and pray for them).
- ❖ During the **Passing of the Peace** say peace be with you through the comments.
- ❖ During the **Offering** post a link to Good Soil's "support" page in the comments: Support God's ministry through Good Soil here:  
<https://pushpay.com/g/goodsoillutheran>

### **Immediately After the Service**

- ❖ Say goodbye, peace be with you, see you next week, etc.
- ❖ Send an email to Pastor Marissa [pastormarissa@goodsoillutheran.org](mailto:pastormarissa@goodsoillutheran.org) and church admin [admin@goodsoillutheran.org](mailto:admin@goodsoillutheran.org) with the prayer requests and names of any new worshipers, if applicable.

### **Your online usher ministry makes a difference, thank you!**

*“Worshiping online with Good Soil is good for my heart. When worshiping live, I am always greeted in the chat and made to feel that I am a valid part of the assembly. The slides allow me to participate fully with singing and prayer, even if only God and my dog can hear me.”*

- The Rev. Colleen Montgomery, Dir. For Digital Ministries, VA Synod, ELCA