Online Liturgist Guidelines & Tips

* If no scripture reading is listed, reach out to Jeff for the lectionary selection (email [revjmarkay@earthlink.net](mailto:revjmarkay@earthlink.net) or text
* Your video is scheduled to be sent by the end of the day on Tuesday to allow time to assemble the following Sunday’s worship service. Send your video to Jeff either via email or text.
* Film on your phone in landscape mode (turning it sideways).
* You may wish to use a tripod to film, though you can also ask someone in your house to film you or prop the phone up using books or other makeshift set-ups.
* After starting your video camera, pause for a few seconds before you begin to speak. At the end, look at the camera for a few seconds before moving to turn it off. This will help when editing.
* Before reading the text, introduce it: “Today’s scripture is from [the Gospel of] \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, chapter \_\_\_\_, verses \_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.” At the end, you may add “The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.”
* The New Revised Standard Version is typically what we use, though you’re welcome to use another version that you like, unless Jeff specifies otherwise. You can print it out from an online source (try [www.biblegateway.com](http://www.biblegateway.com)), read it from a computer screen next to your phone, or read directly from your own printed Bible.
* When filming, try and look up occasionally, and be aware that the lens is usually located toward the top of your phone (that’ll be on one side when it’s turned for landscape mode). You’ll create a connection with the viewer by looking toward the lens from time to time, and definitely before and after reading.
* If you want to split the scripture up between separate readers in your household, feel free to do so; you can film in separate videos that can be edited together.
* If you have any other creative ideas, that's great! Just run them by Jeff first, please.