

Can't get to your church? DisciplesNet Church is here for you, 24/7



Website: disciplesnet.org

[DisciplesNet's You Tube Channel](#)

What is DisciplesNet? DisciplesNet Church is a unique online Disciples of Christ church, founded in 2010. DisciplesNet exists on the internet as a presence for persons not able to get to a physical church, as well as those needing a church presence available anytime day or night. Our founders chose to name this church **DisciplesNet**, a multi-metaphor meaning we're Disciples, on the **internet**, but most importantly, part of the great **network** of **disciples** of Christ (= **church**).

What is worship like at DisciplesNet?

Each week our small team of very ordinary and admittedly geeky leaders, including lay leaders and ordained Disciples of Christ clergy, meet to video-record worship in our studio in Indianapolis. We stitch this into a **30-minute worship video**, customized for our global audience and thoughtful to those who are ill or in tough situations. Each Sunday we upload the new video to our **You Tube** and **Vimeo** channels, linking to our website and Facebook page. These videos stay posted (we currently have over 500 there!) DisciplesNet also has created comforting and inspiring hymns and collections of hymns, prayers, and other resources. Our website has weekly church helps.

Each 30-minute worship time includes familiar elements:

- **Hymns** with lyrics for singing along, recorded from church gatherings, volunteer musicians.
- **Scripture** with visuals (often, but not always matching the week's Lectionary).
- **Pastoral prayer**, finishing with the Lord's prayer.
- **Sermon**: usually 8-15 min.; our pastoral team rotates, using guest preachers, too.
- **Communion**: worshipers provide their own bread and drink, and we bless these together. (We ask those unable to use actual elements to hold the bread and cup in their mind.)

How does DisciplesNet take up offering?

First, we want to acknowledge that sometimes people show up at DisciplesNet's doors because their home church had to cancel services for some reason or the person is ill. In such cases **we strongly encourage those worshipping with DisciplesNet to make their offerings to their home church, which relies upon member support.** Bills come due even when services are cancelled.

With that aside, DisciplesNet exists because of the many people who've become important parts of the ministry by sharing their gifts. Our webpage tells more about this (see **Giving**). DisciplesNet is non-profit with a small budget. Our leaders typically volunteer their work as labors of love. Donations go to keeping this church available for whenever people come our way.

DisciplesNet is far from perfect, and cannot replace live worship, but for some people our imperfect presence may be the only or best way they have to be included.

Please write pastor@disciplesnet.org for more information, or for ideas in using DisciplesNet.

DisciplesNet: Discover a church on the internet highway with walls as wide as the world, doors that never close, and always room at the table.