

This Wednesday, March 25, at 7:30 pm Eighth Church will hold our first virtual church service and we invite you all to join us for a healing service in support of our community. Callers will also have the ability to share testimonies in the second part of the meeting. The church building itself will remain closed. The only way to attend will be by telephone or a connection over the internet from a PC, Mac, smartphone or tablet. Although we look forward to reopening the church for in person services as soon as wisdom dictates, we are very grateful that technology will permit us to gather in this expression of church to worship and share.

We will have the usual prelude music starting about 10 minutes before the service begins. As this will be a first experience for us, we suggest dialing in a few minutes before 7:30.

During the first part of the service only the reader and musician will be audible. Participants will be put on mute and will not be able to unmute until the testimony portion of the meeting.

Note, we will only be providing the music. Please feel free to bring your hymnal and provide the singing at your location.

The system we will be using may already be familiar to some of you. We will be using *FreeConferenceCall*.

We are looking forward to connecting with our church family this Wednesday evening. As this will be a new experience for us, please be patient if we have to polish off a rough spot here or there. Your prayerful support for this service (and all our services of course) is greatly appreciated!

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.*

(John 1:1-5)

### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR CONNECTING BY TELEPHONE**

1. From any telephone dial - (978) 990-5000 - Note: This is a long-distance number. As long you have a nationwide long-distance plan on your home phone or mobile you should not see any charges (this is true for most modern landline plans and pretty universal for cell phone plans)
2. When prompted enter ACCESS CODE: 431779#
3. Listen to the service
4. On Wednesdays, when the First Reader opens the service for testimonies, if you wish to speak PRESS \*6 to unmute yourself. When finished with your testimony just PRESS \*6 to mute again. If two people unmute at the same time, we'll figure out how to take turns. Please be patient if we run into one another.

### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR CONNECTING BY INTERNET**

*NOTE: It is not necessary to create an ID with FreeConferenceCall to use the app on a smartphone or PC (unless you want to host your own calls for other activities)*

### **Smartphone or Tablet**

To install the FreeConferencePhone app use the web browser on your smartphone or tablet and go to this link:

<https://www.freeconferencecall.com/downloads>

Find the link to the app store for your phone click it and follow your usual process for installing apps.

#### **Connecting to the Service for the first time**

1. Start the FCC app on your smartphone or tablet
2. Press the "+New" Button (*For future calls the apps will remember the cs8houston meeting and you can click the "Join" button on for cs8houston on the main menu.*)
3. In the "Meeting ID" field enter: cs8houston
4. Click on the "Join" button
5. When the system asks "How do you want to call?" Select "**call in using Wifi or Data**" (If you choose "call in" it will just place a phone call as in the earlier instructions. (If your device is connected to wifi at home or in another location this is the best option. If you are away from wifi, in a park perhaps, this will use your devices internet data plan.
6. Once in the meeting you should hear the church service. When the testimony section begins you will be able to use the "microphone" icon to unmute to share a testimony and mute again afterwards.

### **PC or Mac**

To install the FreeConferencePhone app use the web browser on your PC or Mac and go to this link: (This assumes you have a relatively modern computer with a microphone and speakers. We won't be using the webcam for services.)

<https://www.freeconferencecall.com/downloads>

And follow the instructions from the website.

#### **Connecting to the service**

1. Click on this link <https://join.freeconferencecall.com/cs8houston>
2. This should launch the FCC application on your PC or Mac
3. When it asks what audio to use, we recommend selecting "computer audio"
4. Once in the meeting you should hear the church service. When the testimony section begins you will be able to use the "microphone" icon to unmute to share a testimony and mute again afterwards.

#### **Additional Online Instructions Are Available Here**

<https://www.freeconferencecall.com/participant-instructions>