

LOVING EACH OTHER

THE ASSIGNMENT

I was planning to visit my Mom during Spring Break. I asked her Memory Care Unit Activities Director if they wanted me to do a service and if so, for a topic. They said yes and gave me the topic of “loving each other”.

I did the prayerful thought work of selecting scriptures and songs. Usually a project of this size would take at least a month, sometimes three. Added to the already shortened timeline, I didn't really start until two days before spring break.

COMPOSING

I did the basic arrangements of the 11 hymns in 2 days. It was challenging staying creative while cranking out that much music in a short time. Thankfully, part of my process uses a template with which I can roll in a crunch.

I used this project to update my process documents. They help in a crunch to remember the detailed bits and pieces of this long and complex process.

As I boarded the plane I hadn't sung a note yet! My prayer, and one I asked for, was that the message of Christian love would reach the hearts of folks in Mom's unit.

Mom slept or dosed most of the time. When she napped I continued composing. I also composed at night in the hotel.

A nice feature of Ableton based projects is I can compose and practice anywhere I can bring a computer.

COMPOSING IN MY STUDIO



COMPOSING AT MOM'S

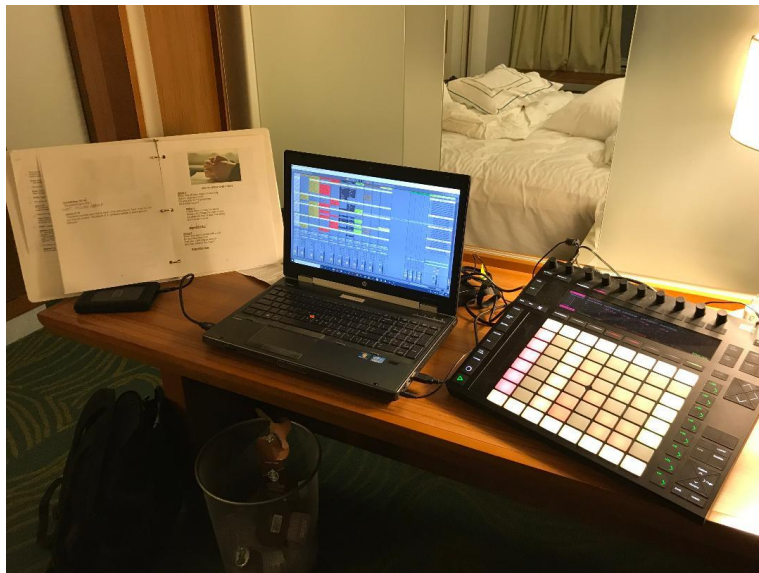


PRACTICE

I practiced at night at the hotel. I practiced in Mom's room. I walked her thru the project, we read scriptures and sang songs. When we did that her dementia seemed to wane, at least for a moment.

By God's grace, the power of the Holy Spirit, the power of prayer, and a lot of technology I was "ready".

PRACTICE AT THE HOTEL



THE EVENT

19 Scriptures;
11 songs;
35 minutes!

Concerned about the attendee's attention span my wife and I had slashed song verses, often down to two.

One of the ladies picked up the melodies and was singing along on most of the songs. Most everyone sang "Jesus Loves Me". One lady napped. One woman made confused and angry faces to her friend. Two of the women teared up. But THE WORD was spoken. To my surprise all the attendees wanted to keep the handout!

Thank you for your support and especially your prayers.

MARGE, MY BIGGEST SUPPORTER ON STAFF



ALL SET UP AND READY TO GO!



WORSHIP!

