

Dear Friends,

Since mid-March, the world has been upside down for most of us, tragic for others, and confusing for most everyone. There were days when I thought we would not be able to meet as a church for many months. There has understandably been a lot of anxiety by many due to the closing of businesses and the economic impact of this worldwide Pandemic. Over the past few weeks, we have been praying together twice a day to transform the Virus using the meditation on our website and that has been a powerful experience.

We have come to a place where we can again hold Sunday Services and our first service will be on Sunday, May 24, 2020 at 10:00 am. It will be nice to again connect with our Unity Family and spend some time together in celebration and fellowship. For us to meet there are certain protocols we must follow that have been given to us by the State of Idaho. It is critical that we follow these guidelines to protect each other from being infected by the Virus. The basic premise is that we all have it and are asymptomatic and our function is to avoid giving it to someone else. If we adopt that mindset, we will be successful in being able to come together. The following are the behaviors and practices that we will follow:

- Everyone coming into the building must wear a mask. If you do not have one, we will have disposable masks available.
- Please refrain from hugging, shaking hands, holding hands, or touching in any way unless you are from the same family and are living together.
- Practice physical distancing of 6 feet as much as humanly possible including when seated in the sanctuary. All chairs will be pre-placed 6' apart. Chairs that are together are for cohabitators.
- When entering the sanctuary, a greeter will escort you to your seat. People will be seated from front to back and from the outside rows to the center to avoid close contact. If you are a couple or a family you can sit together, the usher will add a chair where needed or for a family we can create a row of several chairs that will still meet the physical distancing criteria for others.
- There will be no greeting time during the service to avoid crossing physical distancing boundaries, and we will not hold hands for the Peace Song at the end.
- At the end of the service we will exit from back to front and there will be no receiving line.
- Fellowship time will be outside, and coffee will be available, but it will be poured by someone wearing gloves and a mask. You are not required to wear a mask outside, but it may be advisable to do so. Any snacks if offered will be individually wrapped and sealed, no open food will be present.
- We will address our youth program later.
- We will not be collecting an offering by passing baskets, we will have two large glass vessels available at the back of the sanctuary for your use. You can also give by text or on our site or by credit or debit card at our electronic giving center next to the front entrance.
- Also, regarding coats or sweaters. Please keep them with you rather than hang them on the hangers in the entry hall.
- There should be no more than 2 people in the rest rooms so please monitor that individually. We ask that you not leave during the service unless it is imperative. If you need to leave be very conscious of finding the clearest path both coming and going. If you need to use the restroom during the service we ask that you exit the side door next to the sound booth and come in the main entrance to the restroom and then back into the sanctuary to your seat. The entry hallway should be a one-way hallway.
- At the end of the service we will exit from back to front so please be patient as the sanctuary empties.
- There will be plenty of hand sanitizer around the building, please use it generously. All surfaces will be wiped and sanitized at least 3 times a week or after every use.

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Regarding the use of the building by classes and other gatherings. There are some protocols that are unique to holding meetings here that are important. They are:

- Wear masks when in the building.
- Enter directly into the area you are using such as friendship hall or the sanctuary. Each area has its own outside entrance.
- At the end of your gathering wipe down with disinfectant any surfaces that have been used.
- Go to the restroom one person at a time and wash hands and use sanitizer.
- Practice physical distancing of 6 feet or more whenever possible.
- If using our coffee equipment please wipe it down after use.
- The key in the lock box next the front entrance will open the other outside entrances as well so you do not need to enter the main building except for making coffee and using the rest room and in either case it should be just one person at a time.
- Class contributions for the Center should be handled as always and put in the bags and left in the drawer with the slot. We will take care of sanitizing before counting.

Thank you so much for being diligent about following these protocols, we want each class or event to be successful and safe. The better we do the more people will be comfortable attending. This is no time to get lax or lazy about these behaviors, there will be a time when we can return to normalcy and we all look forward to that. I honestly feel better about erroring on the side of safety and compliance than being too permissive.

It is good when brothers and sisters can dwell together in Unity.

Love and Blessings,

Rev. Stephen Towles and the rest of the Board of Trustees