

8:45 Worship Proposal

On June 27, 35 people gathered in the Chapel to offer input with regard to the resumption of the 8:45 a.m. Chapel Service. There is clearly a core group passionate about this service.

Among the expressions shared were:

- the “Family, more small church” feel – able to connect closely with each other; have experienced immense support during times of need
- more informal and intimate space fosters more closeness and connections
- provided a transition space when going through divorce or loss – felt more comfortable attending there alone; established some relationships there that helped give courage to get even more connected at the church (choir, Sunday School classes, etc.)
- offers an early traditional option for those who want to begin their day with worship and then have time for other activities with family, recreation, etc.

We recommend the resumption of the 8:45 a.m. Chapel Service beginning on Sunday, August 1, at the latest, with the following plan:

- Preaching/Worship Leadership – set up on a rotation with Pastor Laura, Pastor Steve and Pastor Ray; Pastor Laura and Pastor Steve will also rotate leadership in the 9:01 service
- Music – we will seek to recruit a volunteer piano player to cover the music needs of the service; this person will work under the supervision of and with the assistance of Bryan Underwood in the planning of those aspects of the service; **in the event that a volunteer cannot be found, we will seek funding from 8:45 worship participants to hire a pianist; the funding would cover the position through the end of 2021, at which point the determination can be made about including the position in the 2022 budget**
- Greeters/Ushers/Hospitality Volunteers – 8:45 worship participants indicated their willingness to coordinate these needs
- Bulletin – will be developed in coordination with Cheri Zaras

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