

We Are Ready to Regather for Worship

It will be different, it will be a shorter service, and there will be fewer of us, as not everyone is ready to be in worship due to health concerns.

If you are ready to regather, please know that our first concern is to offer a worship service that is safe for all who attend.

If you are not yet ready to return, we will continue to offer our weekly worship video on YouTube

Our Regathering Team, along with the Vestry will help to keep things running smoothly and safely. Worship will last 30-40 minutes, and we are able to seat up to 80 for the service, if seated in pairs, fewer if seated as singles. Our online worship service will continue for those who cannot attend in person.

How We Will Offer Hospitality

- Only the sanctuary is open and will be cleaned before and after each service.
- Please plan to arrive 15 minutes before the service.
- We invite you to enter the building through the rear door by the kitchen. There you will have access to hand sanitizer and a bulletin from an usher.
- **You must wear a mask while in the building.** If you don't have one, we have beautiful washable, reusable, cloth masks available for you! If you have a health concern that prevents you from safely wearing a mask, please contact Rev. Robin before returning to worship.

After you receive your bulletin, please continue down the hall to the sanctuary door, where an usher will note that you are attending worship and you will be helped to find a seat, all the while practicing safe distancing. There will be collection plates for your offerings at both entrance and exit sanctuary doors.

Seating Options for Each Pew

- 2 individuals, one at each end
- 2 couples, one couple at each end
- 1 couple on one end and 1 individual on the opposite end
- 1 family of three on one end and 1 individual on the opposite end
- 1 family of four or more

Every other pew is available and pew cushions have been removed from usable pews. You are welcome to bring your own cushion if that would be helpful.

What Will Happen During Worship

- **Masks are to be worn throughout the service.**
- Those leading worship will wear masks except when they are speaking to the congregation.
- We will refrain from singing together (both choir and congregation) and focus on instrumental music with or without a cantor/soloist.
- While we cannot physically touch as we exchange the peace, we will find some new creative ways to share the peace of Christ.
- We will offer Morning Prayer in August. We hope that we will be able to offer Eucharist (wafer only) soon. Our recorded service will continue to be Liturgy of the Word.
- After the service the ushers will invite you to depart by pews and we appreciate your patience.
- Everyone will exit through the side door near the pulpit and you may leave your bulletin in a collection basket if you like.

How You Can Help

- Please do not come to church if you are sick or have any symptoms of COVID-19 or have been exposed to anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19. Masks must be worn while in the building.
- Please take care to keep a distance of 6 feet between one another in both building and parking lot
- The water fountain will not be available – please do bring water with you if you need it.
- The Ladies Restroom by the water fountain and the Men’s Restroom by the Sacristy are available for critical needs. We are not able to clean them after each use. If you use the restroom please close the lid before you flush, and please disinfect the area after yourself.
- If you will have children with you, please bring along some quiet entertainment for them and keep them with you at all times.
- If you would like to serve as a lector, musician, soloist, or usher for a service at church, or for an online service, please let us know in the Church Office.

We Are Not Yet Able To Do All Things

For this phase of Regathering we are unable to offer

- coffee hour
- Sunday school for children, youth, or adults
- use of our space for outside community groups.

We Invite You To

- Visit the Memorial Garden
- Walk the labyrinth
- Continue to support the Hope Center Food Pantry
- Call to check on friends you do not see in worship
- Volunteer to serve as lector, usher, and star in our online worship videos by calling the church office.

We are grateful for your cooperation and patience in these strange times, and thankful that we can regather to see one another, pray together, and worship in our sanctuary.

Thanks be to God!