

## **From the Associate Pastor**

Drum roll, please.

Our congregational council has approved a plan for an in-person worship service on All Saints Sunday: November 1, 2020. (What a perfect day to gather together again, right??) We plan to meet for worship in the meditation garden, where families and individuals will be able to spread out while still worshipping together as a group. Our hope is that after this kick-off service we will be able to continue offering weekly in-person worship services.

Why the long wait, you ask? We felt we needed this time to work out the details so that we can both craft a meaningful worship service and community gathering while also attending to safety.

As I write this announcement, we are still in the very beginning stages of working out the details for this service. We do know that, since we will need to limit the number of people attending, we will be asking folks to reserve their spot beforehand. More details to come!

While we have not planned the worship service yet, we do know that it will be very different than our pre-COVID Sunday worship. If you attend, we encourage you to let go of your usual expectations and come with an open spirit, trusting that God will show up in new ways.

We also wish to note that these plans are subject to change. We live in a time that is ever-changing, and we will be making the decisions we feel need to be made in order to keep the people of our congregation safe according to the latest data.

We will continue to offer worship videos for those who do not wish to attend in-person services.

Now that we are planning in-person worship, the council will turn its attention to crafting policies regarding other in-person meetings in the St. Andrew building. Please keep an eye out for future communications about worship and other events.

Many thanks to our COVID-19 Advisory Committee: Amy Vehec, Beth Smith, Matt Coleman, and Eric Crispell. We so appreciate the time you have spent helping our congregation understand the latest information on the virus and how to stay safe. The committee will continue to work with other groups to plan safe in-person worship and other activities.

Grace and peace to you,  
Pastor Museus Dabay