



Opening Rubrics and Directives for OSLC

As you consider attending worship on May 31st:

1. ANYONE who doesn't feel well, *I encourage you* - please stay home.
2. I am personally encouraging the most "vulnerable" (those who know that they are health compromised in any way) to stay at home until they feel safe to return to large gatherings.
3. I will continue to produce weekly online worship experiences for those who do choose to stay home for any reason. Those worship services will be announced, and "links" will be made accessible via email and our church's website. The pre-recorded worship services can be viewed at any time. In addition, we will be *Live streaming the 11am worship service at OSLC*.
4. Hopefully, the information regarding our health and safety directives/protocols will answer questions, reduce fear and give everyone direction. Any and all questions can be addressed to me personally: rdugall@apu.edu.
5. Bring your own coffee in travel cups, Bibles, water bottles, etc. We will not have the kitchen open or treats/coffee/tea other beverages available for a few weeks.

Directive #1 - Social Distancing:

CDC guidelines – 6 feet apart in our public gatherings.

Social Distancing in our entrance/exits:

- Our entrance into the sanctuary will occur through the main doors. Exit from the worship service will be through the side doors. We will establish a ONE-WAY flow of people in and out of the facility.
- We will have signs to provide visual guidance on how to enter/exit the facility.
- Greeters will encourage you NOT to stay in the entry ways, hallways, or lobby of the church building but to make your way into the sanctuary for seating. Bulletins will NOT be distributed by Greeters/Ushers but rather will be available on a table for you to pick up on your own.

Social Distancing in the sanctuary:

- The chairs in the sanctuary have been moved in order to facilitate and maintain a six-foot distance. (the tables have also been removed). Current CDC guidelines state that family groups/couples can sit together...so seats may be moved to accommodate that need. In a few weeks, the north section of our seating arrangement will return to "normal" spacing and tables will be returned to their "normal" positioning, while the east side of the sanctuary retains a social distancing protocol (through the end of the summer 2020). Normal seating spacing will resume this fall.
- You might want to come a bit early so that we don't have "congestion" at the entry ways.
- We will NOT have the "greeting time" that we normally have at the beginning of the worship service. People will be encouraged not to shake hands, hug, etc.

During worship:

- No Offering plates will be passed. The offering plates will be on a table at the exit from the sanctuary.

- When we celebrate Holy Communion, it will be distributed via “continuous communion practice”...that being, people will file by me and a communion assistant (or two) who will wear gloves and masks. NO common cup will be allowed until further notice.
- Readings and Worship leadership at the beginning of the service will be done by ONE individual. In addition, ONE Elder/Leader of OSLC will assist Robin with communion every time there is a communion service.
- Music – for the first couple of weeks, music will be “performed” by Robin and a small music team. People wearing masks will be encouraged to sing. People without masks will be encouraged NOT to sing. We will be returning to our normal music ministry in a few weeks.
- We will be having weekly outdoor worship services through the summer months of July and August as much as we possibly can (weather permitting).

Directive #2 - Health Precautions:

1. We have established three PHASES of required directives of health/safety protocols (see below):
 - First Phase – May 31 and June 7
 - Second Phase – June 14 and 21
 - Third Phase – June 28 and following
 - *Note – these Phases could be changed due to increased infection rates or risk in Valley County*
2. Hand Sanitizer will be available at the entry way. Please use hand sanitizer upon entering the facility.
3. We have turned off the water fountain at the entry way.
4. The kitchen is closed. It will be reopened later in the summer.
5. We are *requiring* that every person wear a mask for the first couple of weeks. Extra masks will be available at the entrance to our facility. After a couple of weeks (and some intentional reevaluation of these directives/protocols) we will “relax” the requirement regarding masks. Masks, beginning on Sunday, June 14th, will be *recommended* by not required of every participant in worship.
6. Restrooms are fully stocked with soap, paper towels, etc. For the first couple of weeks, the OSLC restrooms will limit the number of people in the restroom at any given time (recommended 1 – 2 at a time). Hand sanitizer dispensers will be available on a table outside of the restrooms. Disinfecting wipes will be available in the restrooms, so that those who use the restrooms, can wipe every surface that they touch.
7. We will not have adult education/children’s ministry time (10:00am) until the fall.

Summary of the Directives/Protocols for our Opening for Worship

First Phase (May 31st and June 7th):

- Social Distancing seating
- Masks required (extras provided)
- Only people with masks encouraged to sing
- No coffee/tea/refreshments served
- Kitchen closed
- Entry/Exit protocol
- Restroom occupancy restricted to 2 at a time

Second Phase (June 14th and 21st):

- Social Distancing Seating
- Masks recommended but not required
- Only people with masks encouraged to sing
- No coffee/tea/refreshments served
- Kitchen closed
- Entry/Exit protocol
- Restroom occupancy restricted to 2 at a time

Third Phase (June 28th through the summer 2020):

- Social Distancing seating “option” (one 1/2 of the sanctuary seating)
- Masks recommended but not required
- Normal Music ministry resumes
- Coffee/tea/refreshments resume
- Kitchen open
- Entry/Exit protocol is lifted
- Restroom occupancy restriction lifted
- Begin regular Outdoor Worship experiences

Fall 2020 – resume “normal” ministry seating, entry/exit, masks optional, kitchen open, normal ministry activities resume (including adult education/children’s ministry)