

Returning to On-Site Worship – What to Expect

We are excited to begin our journey into the “new normal”. As we add Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. to our on-site worship opportunities, we will continue to take steps to safeguard those in attendance. Here is what you can expect while attending the on-site Sunday morning service.

- **Pre-registration/Registration:** If you know you will be attending an on-site service, we ask that you follow the online prompts (in the weekly eNews or on the church website) to pre-register. This gives Staff an idea of how many participants to plan for. **Pre-registration is encouraged but not required to attend an on-site service or activity.** We will keep a record of those participating in on-site activities should someone test positive and contact tracing becomes necessary.
- **Entrance:** Participants will enter from one door – the entrance facing the garden at the top of the ramp. Those who need special accommodations to enter the sanctuary should notify Staff (Michelle@LincolnsChurch.org) prior to the event. Doors will be opened at 8:45 a.m. for the on-site Sunday service.
- **Parking:** We encourage those with mobility difficulties to use the parking spaces on 7th Street. Those without difficulties are asked to use the west parking lot and walk around to the front.
- **Building Access:** At this time only the sanctuary, narthex and Peace Garden will be open to the public.
- **The Worship Service:** There will be necessary alterations to the Sunday on-site service to create the safest environment for all. Participants will be required to:
 - Wear a mask while inside (this includes vaccinated individuals). A mask will be provided if you forget yours.
 - Maintain safe physical distancing – refrain from hugs, handshakes, etc. Hand sanitizer will be provided.

The service itself will be designed for the safety of all:

- We will feature live organ music, but we will not have choral or congregational singing at this time.
- Bulletins will be provided at the door. Participants are encouraged to read liturgical responses quietly.
- We will have communion the first Sunday and Wednesday of each month. Participants are asked to bring their own elements to the service. We will also have individually wrapped crackers and water available.
- At the end of the service, participants will exit the sanctuary. There will not be a coffee hour at this time. Participants are free to gather and fellowship in the garden area.
- **Vaccinations:** While we strongly encourage those eligible to get vaccinated, we recognize that choosing to get vaccinated is a personal health decision. We will not be requesting vaccination information, nor will we engage in services that are not open to all. We ask those who have been vaccinated to show grace and love by continuing to follow safety protocols while participating in on-site services.
- **10:30 Worship on Zoom:** We will continue to offer our Sunday morning service on Zoom each week at 10:30 a.m. Follow the links from eNews, the church website and the calendar.