

August 14, 2020

WORSHIP CHANGES Beginning August 23rd, you are invited to worship outdoors at 10am in the church parking lot. We will continue this for as long as weather allows, and council will re-evaluate when necessary. We look forward to worshipping together in God's creation! Please continue reading for necessary information. Please also share this information with those not online.

We will live-stream outdoor worship on the church Facebook page (you do not need a Facebook account to access this — reach out to Pastor if you have questions), and an abbreviated video service will be posted to the church website under the “worship tab” and YouTube channel beforehand Sunday morning in case issues arise with the livestream. Those who receive home worship mailings will continue to receive them. If you are not receiving home worship mailings and would like to, please let Pastor know.

There are several important details to know about how worship will work and what is expected:

- ◆ Worship will look and feel different than we are used to, and that is okay
- ◆ If you are sick, exhibiting symptoms of COVID in the past week, or if anyone in your household has been exposed to COVID and has not yet received a negative test, please worship online
- ◆ Please continue to worship with us online if you do not feel comfortable attending in-person
- ◆ Social distancing by household/family unit is expected (minimum 6 feet between the edge of one group and another)
- ◆ Masks are expected to be worn (covering mouth and nose) for the duration of the service for those over five years old; if you forget, a limited supply of disposable masks will be available

- ◆ Please park along the street and not in the parking lot; please leave the closer spots for those who need them. Please do park in the closer spots if you need to!
- ◆ Bring your own lawn chair and anything else helpful for you (for example, umbrella for shade, sunscreen)
- ◆ Your offering may be placed in the wooden church which will be on a table, as you enter or leave worship
- ◆ The restrooms inside the door with the ramp at church are available if needed, for single person or parent/child use at a time, and no line will form inside the building. To help us maintain best health practices in this time and limit people inside the building, please plan to use the restroom at home before attending worship.
- ◆ If the weather is unfavorable a half-hour before worship, outdoor worship is canceled and we will worship online-only (via the Facebook page).
- ◆ Zoom is not being used for worship starting on the 23rd; it is possible we may return to this platform at a future date
- ◆ Because singing together dramatically increases the risk of spreading airborne virus particles, we will not be singing together
- ◆ Worship will include: announcements/welcome, confession & forgiveness, greeting & opening prayer, Scripture, sermon, prayers, blessing, & sending. A couple hymns will be incorporated into the service for listening only, during which you are encouraged to pray, reflect, or simply experience God's presence through the music.
- ◆ At the end of the service, we ask that those nearest the exit leave first and then the next section and so on, so we can maintain social distancing and ensure that we are respecting one another's space and wellbeing.