

April 30, 2021



Dear friends,

As the numbers of coronavirus cases decline and more people are vaccinated, the session invites the congregation to come back into the sanctuary to worship starting this Sunday, May 2, at 9:30 am. The Worship Committee, session, building staff, music staff and I have been working together on the details for this next season of worship. We are living into this new reality with hope and caution. We will try some things for a while and then see what is working and what is not. Our goal is to offer meaningful worship experiences both in person and online. It will be different than it was a year ago. I trust there will be much grace as we journey together.

Preparing

- + **No reservations** are needed because of the large capacity of the sanctuary.
- + FPCSR is following CDC guidelines and we have a Site Specific Protection Plan
- + Folding chairs, surfaces, floors & bathrooms will be cleaned and sanitized on Saturdays.
- + Doors to the outside will be open throughout the service and fans will blow air outside.
- + Hand sanitizer stations are available

Starting Sunday, May 2, 9:30 service

- + You may sit anywhere in the sanctuary. Sit in your "bubble" and maintain distance
- + Friends, family, children and visitors are welcome
- + All those who attend worship are expected to wear a face covering
- + No congregational singing of songs or chants
- + Communion will be celebrated using individual packages of juice and cracker
- + The service will be filmed and then the video will be sent out Sunday afternoon
- + After the service, you are invited to have conversations on the patio

A Few Changes to Note

- + Saturday Worship Enews and video links will no longer be sent out
- + Sunday morning an email with the sermon text and a link to "Sermon by Phone" and podcast to listen to an audio recording of the sermon will be sent.
- + Sunday Services will be filmed. After video of the service is uploaded, links to video of the service will be sent out sometime early Sunday afternoon
- + **Sunday Zoom for May will be at 11:30** instead of 11:00. This will be a time of sharing joys and concerns and reflections on the sermon.

Grace and peace,

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