

GUIDELINES FOR INDOOR WORSHIP
Effective September 5, 2021

- Worship will be in the sanctuary at 8:30 and 10:30 AM. Facebook live streaming of the 10:30 service will continue, with the video archived for later viewing.
- Anyone who is not feeling well or who has been exposed to a person diagnosed with COVID-19 should stay at home.
- The 8:30 service will use bulletin inserts for hymns to avoid the use of hymnals (which cannot be properly sanitized between services).
- A disinfecting fogger will be used between the 8:30 and 10:30 services.
- We will not be offering a coffee hour and ask that socializing take place outdoors.
- A greeter's station will be located in the entryway, where worshipers are asked to sign in.
- Upon arrival, Sunday school children will go directly to Cargill Hall for class rather than being dismissed from worship.
- We ask that face masks be worn at all times in the building. Masks will be available at the greeter's table for those who do not have one.
- During worship, the liturgist, vocalist, and preacher may remove their masks only to speak or sing.
- A minimum distance of three feet should be maintained at all times between persons from different households.
- Worshipers are welcome to sing *softly*, as projected singing voices have much greater potential for spreading virus. It is especially important that masks be worn properly while singing.
- Collection plates will not be passed, but a collection box will be located at the back of the sanctuary where people can drop their offering on their way out.
- When Communion is celebrated, individually sealed elements will be distributed as people arrive. Worshipers will remain in their pews for Communion. They may remove their masks to consume the elements. We ask that they place the empty packaging in a trash receptacle at the back of the sanctuary when leaving worship.
- Worship leaders will be limited to the preacher, liturgist, accompanist, and one vocalist (or multiple vocalists from the same household).
- Plexiglas barriers will continue to separate the two sides of the center pews.
- Windows will be opened and exhaust fans will be used to increase ventilation.
- Hand sanitizer stations will be conveniently located and small bottles of hand sanitizer will be located in each pew.
- Hearing enhancement devices will be sanitized by ushers before and after use.
- All foot traffic in the sanctuary should be one-directional, indicated by signage. Interior doors will be propped open to minimize touching.
- Worshipers should enter and exit by the front door only (unless they need the elevator, in which case they would enter by that door).
- The sanctuary will be sanitized between any services or events that are less than 48 hours apart.
- All services and events in the sanctuary (including funerals, etc.) are expected to abide by the safety guidelines listed above.