

GUIDELINES FOR INDOOR WORSHIP

Effective November 14, 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.
- Portable HEPA filtration units will be placed around the sanctuary, along with a humidifier unit to increase the effectiveness of the filters.
- Worshipers should enter and exit by the front door only (unless the elevator is needed, in which case they would enter by that door).
- A greeter's station will be located in the entryway, where worshipers are asked to sign in.
- 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.
- Upon arrival, Sunday school children will go directly to class rather than being dismissed from worship.
- All foot traffic in the sanctuary should be one-directional, indicated by signage. Interior doors will be propped open to minimize touching.
- Hand sanitizer stations will be conveniently located and small bottles of hand sanitizer will be located in each pew.
- A minimum distance of three feet should be maintained at all times between persons from different households.
- Hearing enhancement devices will be sanitized by ushers before and after use.
- Plexiglas barriers will continue to separate the two sides of the center pews
- 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 empty packaging be placed in a trash receptacle at the back of the sanctuary when leaving worship.
- Worshipers are welcome to sing *softly*, as projected singing voices have much greater potential for spreading virus.
- During worship, the liturgist and preacher may remove their masks only to speak.
- Fully vaccinated members of the choir may resume singing. Masks will be worn while singing, both during practice and in worship. The number of choir members singing at one time will be limited by the ability to maintain appropriate social distancing. A HEPA unit will be placed in the chancel area during worship services when the choir is singing.
- Coffee hour will take place in Cargill Hall following the 10:30 service, with intake and exhaust fans in the windows for ventilation. Only coffee will be served (no food) and

servers will space out pickup areas. People are asked to maintain a 3 foot distance from persons not in their household, and to increase that distance to 6 feet when unmasked to drink.

- All services and events in the sanctuary (including funerals, etc.) are expected to abide by the safety guidelines listed above.