

Returning to In-Person Worship Policies

- At this time, we are allowing up to 40 people in the sanctuary for a socially-distanced worship experience, in addition to the pastor, musicians, ushers, and greeters (2 per service). The sanctuary and any areas of traffic will be sanitized between the two worship services.
- Please make sure to sign up for the worship service you'd like to attend before you come to the church. Sign-ups will be available online on our website and included in the Weekly Word emails starting at 10am on the Tuesday before worship. If you do not have email, feel free to call the church office on Tuesdays or Wednesdays between 10am and 3pm, and Anna will sign you up for worship. If you are no longer able to attend the worship service you initially signed up for, please go back and take your name off the list so the spot can be opened for someone else.
- Please enter the church building no more than 15 minutes before the start of worship. When you enter the church building, you will find a greeter who will check you in for worship, as listed on the sign-up sheets. Please make sure you are wearing a mask. Masks are required for everyone to wear while in the church building at this time. We will have masks available in case you forget one.
- Once you are checked in, make your way to the sanctuary. We will have offering plates available inside the narthex. Feel free to share your offering when you enter or exit.
- The pews in the sanctuary will be marked with either green tape or red signs. Feel free to sit in any open, marked, green spot. Pews can hold up to three people from separate households, six feet apart, or one household together.
- We will not be using hymnals or Bibles in worship at this time for sanitizing purposes. All hymn lyrics, prayers, and congregational liturgy will be printed in your bulletin. You will be handed a bulletin as you enter the sanctuary. We will have a recycling bin available for you to safely place your bulletin after worship is done (or you can take it home!) - we will not be reusing them.
- We will not have any congregational singing at this time. Music will be provided by our organist/pianist Deb, and one or two cantors in the balcony. The balcony will only be open to the musicians, no seating will be available in the balcony.
- During the service, there will be some brief, spoken congregational responses. Feel free to respond as you feel so called.
- We will be serving Holy Communion in worship. The ushers will guide you forward when it comes time for the sacrament. Individual pieces of bread (or gluten-free wafers) and cups of wine and juice will be laid out for you to pick up for yourself. When you are finished taking the sacrament, there will be a basket for you to place your cups and hand sanitizer for you to use. Then feel free to return to your seat.
- We are not able to hold fellowship time/coffee hour at this time. When the service is over, please make your way out of the sanctuary, feel free to greet Pastor Carolyn, and then head back to your vehicle to head home.
- We are so grateful you are able to join us in worship at this time! What a joy to be able to see you again. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email Anna, Judy Meincke, Council President, Scott Johnson, Council Vice-President, or Pastor Carolyn.