

Worship Arts Meeting held August 1, 11:00 AM

Present: Pr. Brittany, Amy Schmuck, Nancy Collins, Pam Engel, Rich Newman, Julie Hansen, Lori Rieger, Lauren Kennedy

Decided with the Covid-19 situation we currently see, to simply have a cake reception after Pr. Brittany's Installation.

Choir is on hold as we have returned to wearing masks for indoor gatherings again according to CDC and Bishop Jim's recommendations

This committee is recommending to the Council that we should continue our practice of holding one in-person service on Sundays at 9:30 AM for the remainder of the regular church season. We'll see where we are when it comes time to plan for Advent/Christmas season in October.

Recorded services and the idea of livestreaming were discussed. Yes, we have the ability to livestream from the sanctuary, and for Pr. Brittany's Installation service (which will not be pre-recorded) that makes the most sense to make it accessible to people who cannot yet attend in-person.

Currently the recorded worship being produced with our thoughtful musicians, our amazing volunteers, and using Lori Rieger's editing and sound mixing skills and her "great eye" are of valuable quality and provide a rich worshiping experience for not only those that are members who cannot be with us in person, but for anyone out there in the world looking for a spiritual connection.

Livestreaming was once a "big idea goal" we had in mind (but not the only reason we needed to upgrade our internet capability). However, doing a livestream means we'd need to invest in new sound equipment, new camera equipment, and probably hire a person to effectively and consistently run the livestream for us. Yes, we can do a livestream with facebook live, however, we won't have good quality sound, nothing will be edited (no change in camera angles or focus/ zooming in), and it would be more like a person gets to "observe" all of us worshipping. There we also see the potential of privacy issues particularly with children.

Therefore, the committee strongly recommends that we continue providing our current format of pre-recorded worships.

We will continue communion at the pews using the communion kits as we have been.

We will have assistant minister volunteer position return for both in-person and recorded worship sign ups.

Outdoor worship in the park is set for "Shelter House 1" at Mission Viejo Park Sunday September 12<sup>th</sup>. We'll need volunteer grillers (**OR Burrito assemblers\***) and this will also be our "send off" for God's Work, Our Hands day projects.

Pet Blessing tentatively set for sometime this fall perhaps October as an outdoor worship again. Will revisit over e-mail.

MUSIC FEST- Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, we'll have a recording session for as many musicians and cantors as available to pre-record hymns, liturgies, special music, etc. set for 3 PM to 7 PM.

Next Meeting Date: Sunday, October 3, 2021 11:00 AM

**\*Outdoor worship food idea:** Nancy shared the idea that maybe we pivot from grilling and "potluck" and shift to breakfast burritos for our shared meal? We seek the input (and volunteers to help) from Council members in order to land on what is best fitting for our time together that day.