

**Everyone who chooses to attend worship is necessarily choosing to take on a certain risk. In order to keep those risks as low as reasonably possible, we will be implementing the following temporary policies and procedures:**

\* Anyone who is suffering from any respiratory symptoms or fever, and anyone whose immune system is compromised, is strongly urged not to attend public worship, but to continue to avail themselves of our live streaming options or a DVD recording.

\* Those aged 10 and up who attend will be required to wear masks at all times while in the building. Masks will be available for those who do not have their own.

\* We will make every possible effort to maintain a minimum of 6 feet of distance between people (except for those who live in the same household). Because of the size and layout of our sanctuary, this will mean limiting the number of household units who can attend on a given Sunday, and requiring that households RSVP in advance to be assigned to a designated seating area in the sanctuary and a designated entrance point to the building. Only those households who RSVP should plan to attend. In order to accomplish this regrettable but necessary limitation, we will follow this process during each week:

\* On Tuesday, members and friends who do not have access to internet streaming and wish to attend may phone the church office between 8:30 AM and 12:30 PM to RSVP. Mary Beth or Matt will assign seating in the Sanctuary and in the Fellowship Hall, where a live simulcast of the service will be shown on a large-screen TV, in the order that requests are received during this time period.

\* On Wednesday and Thursday, members and friends who do have the ability to use the streaming service but wish to attend in person may phone the church office between 8:30 AM and 12:30 PM to RSVP. Remaining seating will be assigned in the order that requests are received during this period. If the number of households requesting seating exceeds the available number of seat locations, we will maintain a “wait list” in case of cancellations. Households on the “wait list” who are not accommodated by a cancellation will be given priority for seating the following week.

\* On Sunday, those who have been assigned a seating location and point of entry should arrive in the parking lot no later than 9:45 AM. Ushers will be assigned to each of the four entrances to the Sanctuary building, and will conduct each household to their designated seating location, so as to prevent crowding at the entrances or in the aisles. Bulletins will be placed in the seating areas prior to the service, and should be carried out and disposed of along with any tissues or other garbage after the service.

**There will also be some changes in the content and flow of the worship service itself:**

\* There will be no handshakes or hugs during greeting time, and worshipers should maintain distancing. I recommend that greetings and the Peace of Christ be passed with a wave or bow from your seating location.

\* Offering plates will be placed near each entrance for giving on the way in or out. There will be no passing of trays or collection of offering during the service. You are encouraged to continue using either the mail or our online giving portals to support the mission of the Church.

\* There will be a significant reduction in the amount of singing in the service, because singing has been shown to be dangerous means of viral transmission well beyond 6 feet even with masks. When hymns are offered, you will be requested to either sing softly or hum, with mask in place.