**Guidelines for Worship During the COVID-19 Pandemic**

Due to COVID-19 we have put together guidelines for indoor worship. These guidelines have been put in place to ensure that we are doing what we can to protect each other’s health and safety while we are in the church building.

We understand that there are still many members of the congregation who are still not ready to venture back into the church building despite the guidelines we have put into place. It is okay not to be ready. As a church, our challenge is to accommodate each member of the congregation in a kind and generous fashion. Worship will continue to feel different until we are able to worship all together! I am sure that is a day that we all look forward to! But until then…

**8:30 Worship (or whenever there is only one Worship offering):**

* If you have symptoms of COVID-19 or have been exposed to COVID-19, please do not enter the church building.
* You must remain fully masked (mask covering your mouth and nose) at all times
* Pastor will remain up front (in the Altar area) and not be available for conversation
* If you have been vaccinated, you may sing (with mask on) during worship
* You may receive Communion at the base of the altar steps or in your pew.
  + If you want to remain in your pew, please take a Communion cup when you enter the worship space. Pastor will guide you when it is time to receive Communion in your pew
  + If you want to receive Communion at the base of the steps to the altar, the usher will direct you to come forward at the appropriate time.
* Receiving Communion would be the only time that you would remove your mask, to receive the elements and then promptly put your mask back in place.

**10:30 Worship:**

* If you have symptoms of COVID-19 or have been exposed to COVID-19, please do not enter the church building.
* Worshippers are asked to remain fully masked until they are sitting in their pews.
* If you are FULLY VACCINATED, and once you are in your pew you may remove your mask for the duration of worship. That means you may sing without your mask.
* You may receive Communion at the base of the altar steps or in your pew.
  + If you want to remain in your pew, please take a Communion cup when you enter the worship space. Pastor will guide you when it is time to receive Communion in your pew
  + If you want to receive Communion at the base of the steps to the altar, the usher will direct you to come forward at the appropriate time.
* You must re-mask (mask covering mouth and nose) when you leave your pew to exit the building

**When Worship has concluded:**

* Please take the bulletin and the remains of the pre-packaged Communion (even if you have not used it) with you. Bulletin and remains of Communion must be placed in the garbage can in the Narthex.
* As you leave your pew when Worship has concluded please be reminded that you must be fully masked until you exit the church building.
* Offerings may be placed in the Offering Plate located in the Narthex
* Please maintain distance from your fellow worshipers

**RESTROOMS:**

* The Restrooms are available for use, we simply ask that you use them one at a time. Disinfectant wipes are available to wipe any surfaces in the restroom.

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