

Welcome Back to Worship in Person!

Worship In-Person Worship begins June 14th

Schedule: 8:00am Worship; 9:15am Bible Study; 10:30am Worship

We are thankful that we will be allowed to gather once again for worship. We are currently taking steps so we will be able to have worship in person on Sunday, June 14. This week we are getting the carpets cleaned at church. We are recruiting volunteers to perform a deep clean on the inside of our facilities. We have ordered face masks and gloves. We have hand sanitizer and tissues on hand. (More hand sanitizer is on back order.)

We are also working to make sure we adhere to CDC and State of New Mexico mandates for religious gatherings. To comply with state mandates, we will need to keep worship attendance under 25% of the sanctuary's capacity. That means we will need fewer than 33 inside the worship space. To enable as many of our members to attend, we will offer two identical services at **8:00am** and **10:30am**. Please complete the survey after this message so we can ensure we don't have to turn anyone away.

When we reset the chairs after the carpets are cleaned, each row of chairs will be set 6 feet apart. Here are a few other noteworthy changes:

- If you feel sick, please stay home.
- Congregational singing will be reduced to 3 hymns and possibly a sung Psalm.
- We ask everyone to wear a mask when you come to church. If you don't have one, we will have extra masks available at church. (see survey)
- We will reduce contact by not handing out bulletins or passing the offering plates.
- Offering plates will be set near the entrance so you can leave your gift as you enter or as you leave.
- We will keep doors propped open as much as the weather will allow.
- We will reduce contact by printing all the worship resources in the bulletin so there will be no need to handle hymnals.
- Communion will follow a "continuous flow" model to reduce social proximity. (Details to follow)
- There will be no coffee or snacks provided at this time.
- We will offer Bible study in the Fellowship Hall. We will simultaneously offer it by Zoom for those who prefer to stay home.

After worship we would like to ask for volunteers who could sanitize contact points in preparation for the next service. We know you are looking forward to seeing everyone again, but ask you refrain from shaking hands at this time. We encourage you to socialize outside the church building near the front entrance or near the playground. We will continue to offer the services recorded and uploaded to YouTube for those who are unable to attend or don't yet feel comfortable attending in person.

We thank everyone for their patience as we welcome you back for worship. We appreciate your flexibility in adapting to these changes. We are grateful for your humility and respect for your brothers and sisters in Christ as we demonstrate sensitivity toward the wide array of concerns among our worshipers.