



To keep you safe and informed, we have put together our *Plan for Regathering* below. It includes the steps we are taking and what we're asking of you to promote the safety of everyone who attends. We have kept a watchful eye on the recommendations of the CDC, WHO, and the MN Dept. of Health. We have also consulted with health professionals in our community. We believe these steps will help us love one another, care for our neighbor, and worship to the glory of God.

We are committed to meeting as a church, but we also want to make it clear that we trust you to make the best decisions for your own health and the health of your family. If you are part of the population who is most vulnerable to this disease, we would encourage you to stay home and watch via our livestream. If you still feel compelled to come, we are asking the most vulnerable to come to our 9:00 am service.

While some of these steps will be inconvenient, we are happy to suffer minor inconveniences for the sake of gathering together safely. If you have any questions, please let us know how we can help.

WHAT WE'RE PLANNING TO DO

- *Offer one service at 10:00 am on Sunday morning*
 - This service will be kept to one hour.
 - We will not have Sunday school classes for the immediate future.
- *Livestream services for those unable to attend*
- *Prop open main entry doors (as weather allows) to limit touched surfaces*
- *Adjust Worship Center seating to promote social distancing*
 - If you share a row with non-family members, please keep at least 2 chairs between you.
- *Clean/sanitize most commonly touched surfaces before each service*
- *Have hand sanitizer readily available at entrances to main room*
- *Collect offering in an offering box in the back of the room*
- *Distribute communion in pre-filled cups, dismissing people by row to pick up their own elements*

WHAT WE'RE ASKING OF YOU

- *Stay home if you are sick*
 - This is always true, but particularly at this time. If anyone in your household has shown [the symptoms of COVID-19](#), you would be serving your church by staying home.
- *Practice social distancing*
 - Aim to keep at least 6 feet between yourself and another non-family member. Parents, this will be difficult with children, but we need you to keep a close eye on your kids for their sake, but also for the sake of the vulnerable in our midst. Talk to them and remind them of the importance of avoiding physical contact with others.
- *Per our state mask mandate, face masks are required.*
 - We understand that this is a source of frustration to many, but we feel that it is our responsibility to submit to the executive order. We will not, however, police or enforce the mask policy.
 - We ask that each person to bring their own mask, but we will provide one for those who forget.
 - Per the mask mandate there are notable exceptions:
 - Children under 5
 - Those with health conditions that make wearing a mask uncomfortable
 - Those participating in a singing or speaking portion of our worship service
- *Please don't congregate inside the building for longer than necessary before/after services*
- *Pray for your leaders*
 - Your government and church leaders need wisdom to navigate these times. Pray for us.
- *Show grace to one another*
 - We all approach this virus and the restrictions from different perspectives. Please show godly humility and deference to others who see things differently.