Guidelines for a Return to In-Person Worship

The Relaunch Team is working on how best to reopen the church for in-person worship safely and cautiously. We are setting up a "soft opening" to allow the staff and volunteers to practice and learn this new way of being together for worship. **Our "soft opening" phase begins July 19 with the 9:30 service**. We are initially inviting a limited group of persons and spouses.

Due to state/CDC/UM guidelines, there are guidelines worship attendees must follow.

- 1. Register and submit health form by noon on July 16.
- 2. Face masks are required. Wear a mask (we cannot provide them) from the time you exit your vehicle until the time you return to your vehicle.
- 3. Please bring your own hand sanitizer.
- 4. We will not have food or beverages available.
- 5. Please arrive at 9:15 to allow time for the entry procedures. This will be our first time running through these procedures with volunteers.
- 6. A volunteer will take your temperature before you enter the building. If your temperature is 100.4 or above, you will not be able to enter for the service.
- 7. Enter and exit by door #1 only. This is the door beside the sanctuary. The rest of the building will be closed off. We need to refrain from using other spaces due to the cleaning requirements at this time.
- 8. Practice social distancing. Distanced places to sit in the pews are marked with a blue X.
- 9. We will not be able to sing during the worship service.
- 10. We will not have bulletins; all liturgy (and portions of the service) will be displayed on the new monitors in the sanctuary.
- 11. We will have one offering plate that we will not pass. It will be positioned by the sanctuary doors.
- 12. If you are in the vulnerable category for COVID-19, please stay home and worship online.

We realize this will be different from how we gathered together before COVID-19. Let us know what questions you have. We anticipate having roughly 20-30 persons that day. If you come, we will ask for feedback regarding your experience and how we can all work together to make this as safe and as meaningful as possible as we worship together.

In Christ,
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