

Hi Friends!

As we are moving forward towards reopening our facilities for use, we realize that the way we “do” worship is going to have to be updated in a couple of ways. Beyond the obvious safety protocols, we need to observe with Time, Distance and Shielding, we are realizing that some of the mechanics of the service are going to need to be updated as well. There are two areas we need to update for our time together.

- 1) **Hosts:** To help point people in the right direction, remind people of the safety protocols, help us monitor our occupancy and keep track of “contract tracing” information: What that means is that we need several people willing to serve our church by greeting people as they come in the building, hand out masks to anyone who needs one, point people in the right direction and just help people navigate the worship service and protocols we have in place easily. Also, to keep a count of people in the building so that when one worship space has reached its occupancy limit, they can guide people to the proper space to participate in worship. If you would like to be a worship service “Host” please give us a call at the Church (509 582-2163) and let us know.
- 2) **Worship Technology Team:** For quite some time we have known that we are going to need to have a greater presence in worship beyond those who are seated in the church building. The last year has allowed us to fast forward that reality and provide online streaming services through the technology we have acquired. Do you see yourself as computer savvy? Have you ever hosted a Zoom meeting, or posted a video to Facebook, TikTok or Instagram? Moving forward, our live virtual worship services are going to continue to be an important part of our worship life together. Would you like to operate a camera, help us maintain our live stream or help with projecting the service in various locations? Even if you have never done this kind of activity, we can show you how (it’s not nearly as difficult as it seems) Whether you are young or old this may be the perfect place for you to help our church move into the future. If you would like to help with the Audio/Visual Team at church give us a call and let us know!

## **IMPORTANT NEWS**

### **Sunday Worship Services in May and beyond**

Beginning Sunday, May 2nd we will be using a “sign in” procedure for our limited attendance gatherings on Sunday Mornings, rather than reserving a spot at our RSVP.Church site. We ask that when you arrive for worship you give us your name and a contact phone number in case we should need to contact you about any health concerns or updates. We will seat people in the Sanctuary, when we reach the seating capacity there, we will seat people in the Ida Payne Fellowship Hall. When that space reaches capacity, we will seat the remaining congregation in the Youth Chapel.

Please remember, for those participating in person, we ask that we all wear masks and that we socially distance at a minimum of 6’ (roughly two arm lengths) between households. Please refrain from wandering through the building or entering parts of the building that have closed doors, and we ask that when the service is over, we not linger indoors. If you are not feeling well, have a fever or other symptoms of illness, please do not put others at risk, and participate in our worship service from home via our Live stream worship. (Even when we emerge on the other side of this pandemic this is a good practice!)

Now go wash your hands!

Pastor Mark