

## OUTDOOR WORSHIP GUIDELINES

We are pleased to begin outdoor worship on Sunday, August 30th. We plan to continue this through the fall and hopefully move back into the sanctuary at some point soon. It will be good to see each other again!

Thank you in advance for observing the following guidelines as we worship God and assure the safety of all. If you do not feel comfortable attending worship, please know we understand. Also, if you are feeling bad, please stay at home and enjoy the service on the live stream.

***We will meet outdoors on the front lawn of the church.*** – We have not worshiped together for a long time. Although we cannot meet in the sanctuary yet, with fall approaching, now is good time to meet outside. Our front yard is perfect for this with some shade trees, and our front entrance is a perfect stage.

***Worship will be at 11 a.m.*** – We are moving to an 11:00 service so that we can have Sunday school at 9:00 via Zoom, then have time to get to church for the outside worship service.

***Bring your own lawn chairs/blankets.*** – If you cannot bring a chair, let the church office know, and we have a few that we can provide for you. If you want to bring an umbrella or wear a hat, please do, since we do not know how the sun will be that day. Bring water bottles and sunscreen, if you wish.

***Upon arrival, the ushers will meet you at one of two entrances.*** – Collection baskets will be stationed at the entrance for offerings. You will be directed to an appropriate circle that will accommodate your family....please allow the ushers to help you get situated. This way, social distancing can be observed.

***Social distancing & wearing masks*** – We will mark the family circles where people can sit that are six feet apart. Please keep your family within the circle during the service. We will also require worshipers to wear masks or face guards. If you don't have one, we'll be happy to provide a mask for you. Masks should remain on throughout the service. Hand sanitizing stations will

also be provided for your use.

***Casual attire and atmosphere*** – It's summertime, and we're outside, so dress comfortably. Shorts are great! Young kids? Feel free to bring a blanket with toys for them to play with.

***Bathroom plan*** – We have designated the bathrooms at the 3rd Avenue entrance for emergency use only. Please see an usher to let you into the church if necessary, but please use the restroom prior to your arrival. Both bathrooms will receive a "deep clean" by our janitorial service the following day.

***Sound system*** – We'll use a portable system to project sound so all can hear.

***Parking for those who want to remain in cars*** – We'll have some designated parking spots on the street for those who prefer to sit in their cars, roll down their windows, and listen to the service from a distance.

***Continue Zoom/YouTube Live*** – Our online services have reached our congregation during the pandemic, so we are committed to continuing this as we re-gather. We will continue to broadcast our outdoor worship services through Zoom (audio only) and YouTube Live.

***Continue online posting of the Order of Worship*** – We invite people to bring their own bulletin on Sunday, either on their phones/tablets or by printing their own copies (we will provide a limited number of paper copies as well). This will also allow us to easily switch to virtual-only worship should rainy/stormy weather on Sunday morning keep us from meeting in person.

***Exiting the service*** – After the benediction, the ushers will direct you to an exit so as to maintain social distancing...thank you for helping with this procedure. Please don't approach others outside of your family group without maintaining social distance and wearing a mask.

***Inclement weather*** – We will notify the congregation by the church website and/or Facebook if the morning worship service is cancelled.

