

Sunday Morning Worship Has Resumed

Morning Worship in our sanctuary resumed on June 7, including the celebration of the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of each month. Sunday School resumed on September 13. Session has determined that for now, Morning Worship and Sunday School will be the only activities permitted in the building on Sunday mornings. Children's Church, Bible Studies, and Fellowship Dinners are all still suspended until further notice.

It should be noted that Governor Holcomb has made it plain from the beginning that he is constitutionally prohibited from **ordering** any restrictions on places of worship. That said, these guidelines are still strongly recommended as protection for church members and the surrounding community.

We hope to see you on back at church, but remember that restrictions still in place will include:

- If you have a fever, cough, or any other illness symptoms, please protect everyone, and stay home.
- If you are at high-risk for infection (for any reason) please protect yourself and stay home.
- Face masks are highly recommended for all congregants.
- Hand sanitizer will be available at both entrances. Please use it.
- Hand shaking, hugging, or other close contact is most strenuously discouraged.
- Alternate pews will be flagged for no seating. Please observe the distancing restriction.
- Families should sit together in one pew when possible.
- Members of separate households should maintain the recommended six-foot separation when seated.
- Ushers will pass the offering plates, using the unoccupied pews as walk space. Please don't reach for the plate yourself.
- Elders serving Communion will distribute the elements into your outstretched hand. The fewer people who touch the trays, the better.
- If you are uncomfortable venturing out under these guidelines, no one will fault you for staying home.

You will also notice some changes in procedure. There will be no printed bulletins to hand out. We plan to have the bulletin emailed to everyone by Saturday, so if you want a bulletin for Sunday morning, please print your own, bring it with you, and **take it with you as you leave**. There will be no hymnals or pew Bibles available. Hymns and scripture texts will be projected on the screen to reduce points of contact. A few copies of the current newsletter will be available, but they will be handed out by request only— and you should take your copy home with you. You are encouraged to read the online version.

It is the opinion of some that the world will be about as safe in now as it will be six months from now, and it is probably no safer today than it was at the Ides of March. But we can only hide out just so long. The COVID-19 juggernaut is now a fact of life, and until a vaccine and/or a cure is found, we must learn how to live with it. Part of that living is to worship the God who has all the answers. ✠