

Return to in-person worship

As announced in last month's Messenger, we will be resuming in-person worship on Sunday, May 23. For now we will meet in the church every other Sunday, alternating with the Asian-American UCC congregation. We will continue to worship via Zoom on the alternate Sundays. We will record the service and email out to the parish. The Trustees have been working to develop a list of best practices in line with CDC and UCC recommendations to ensure that we remain safe as the Covid-19 pandemic eases.

Please make note of the following:

- Please do not come to in-person worship if you are running a fever, have symptoms of Covid-19 or are otherwise feeling ill, or have been exposed recently to someone with Covid-19.
- Masks must be worn inside the church, and we will maintain social distancing of six feet at all times.
- As you enter the church, outer and sanctuary doors will remain open so that social distancing can be maintained. Please enter through the doors on the right and exit through the doors on the left.
- Seating will be six feet apart to maintain social distancing for people other than family groups. Fully vaccinated friends may sit together.
- We will not pass the offering plate – there will be one provided at the rear of the sanctuary where you can leave contributions.
- We will not pass the hand-held microphone.
- Current guidelines still discourage singing, as the increased respiration greatly increases the risk of viral spread. Please read the words to the hymns and hum to yourself.
- We will print out copies of the bulletins and leave them on your chairs. Please take them home with you or dispose in trash. Bibles and hymnals will be available as usual during the worship service. The bulletin may be displayed in PowerPoint like it has been online. We will continue to email bulletins in advance of the service.
- In order to maintain social distancing, we will not be passing the peace with hugs, handshakes, etc.
- Restrooms may be used by only one person at a time. Wash your hands thoroughly. All surfaces should be sanitized with disinfectant spray (provided in the restroom) when you are finished.
- We will not, for the time being, have a fellowship time with food after the service. The kitchen will not be used.

Bear with us and be patient - and forgiving - as we all learn how to adjust to the "new normal."