

COVID-19 Protocols

Worshippers must be aware that we cannot ensure a 100% safe environment; there is, in any enclosed space, the risk of becoming ill. However, so that we can make our worship practices as safe as possible, here are the precautions we are taking regarding COVID-19.

We will:

1. To the best of our ability, follow guidelines from the CDC and ODH regarding numbers of people to gather, how to gather safely, and cleaning/sanitizing recommendations.
2. Meet when both Lake and Geauga Counties are in health status "yellow" and/or "orange."
3. Continue to offer Live streaming of Wednesday (@7pm) and Sunday (@9:30am) worship on Facebook until such a time that all people can come back to the church building without fear.
4. Offer two different worship times on Sunday morning to accommodate the limited number of participants (see #4). When at all possible, we will worship outside (bring your own lawn chair). Worship at 8am on Sunday will be a non-singing worship.
5. Install UV lights in the HVAC system duct work to kill all allergens, molds, and viruses.
6. Distribute worship materials electronically but also have them on hand for worshippers.
7. Have rows of seats blocked off in the sanctuary in order to keep appropriate distance between worshippers. In addition, family groups will be asked to leave 4 chairs between themselves and the next family group.
8. Encourage, but not require, worshippers to wear masks. Pastor *will not be masked* as she would not be understood if she did. She will remain a safe 10 feet from the first rows of people.
9. Pass the peace in non-touching ways.
10. Receive offerings online or at a stationary offering plate in the worship area.
11. Distribute Holy Communion on a self-serve basis using individual cups. Only Pastor will have touched the elements with clean and sanitized hands. As always, taking Holy Communion is up to the individual. We will keep appropriate distance between family groups during distribution.
12. Sanitize the worship space to the best of our ability between each worship time.
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