

Guidelines for Returning to In-Person Worship

As of May 30, 2021, we have returned to in-person worship services. We kindly ask you to please review the changes and guidelines the church has made in preparation of returning to worship with us in-person. If you have any questions, please contact the church office at (808)935-5914.

1. When you arrive on Sunday a volunteer will check you in. They will obtain contact information (name, address, phone number, email) from you for our contact tracing list, provide you with a mask if you need one, check your temperature, invite you to use hand sanitizer, and remind you to silence your electronic devices.
2. Those attending worship will be given a printout of the worship bulletin and any hymnal inserts needed. To minimize commonly touched surfaces, we have removed all hymnals from the pews at this time.
3. We no longer use offering plates during worship. We welcome you to use the offering box at the check-in station to share your donation or tithe prior to entering the sanctuary. We want to encourage those worshipping with us to please consider using the electronic options we have available such as PayPal or Facebook.
4. We do ask that you try to remain seated for the duration of worship unless you need to use the restroom or leave prior to worship ending. The narthex and front of the sanctuary will be off limits throughout the worship service unless you are participating in worship.
5. We have limited space available in the Sunday School Room for 1-4 individuals with children who may have child needs during worship. We ask that you please allow for social distancing while in the room with others.
6. On Communion Sundays we will provide Communion Elements that have been purchased and are packaged and sealed. We ask that you not leave these packets in the pews after use but discard them in the trash receptacle provided when you exit. You may also bring your own Communion elements if that is more comfortable.
7. Worship leaders will be allowed to remove masks while they are leading worship. This is to enable all persons to be able to hear and understand the worship leaders. All worship leaders are fully vaccinated and will maintain appropriate social distance when masks are removed.
8. We ask that you please wear your mask all times unless a medical condition would prevent you from doing so. Please keep a reasonable distance from others and refrain from physical touch.
9. We ask that one person from each seating area be assigned to stay after worship to clean, wipe down, and disinfect their seating area. Cleaning supplies will be provided by the church.

10. For now, we will not have fellowship time on the lanai after worship. We apologize, as we know how important and meaningful this time has been to our church. As soon as we are able to safely return to fellowship time again, we will.

The church council will review these guidelines periodically and make changes, as necessary. Of course, our greatest concern is the health and safety of all those who are part of our church community. Our hope is that as the risk of covid-19 decreases, these restrictions can be lifted for our church.