



(Disciples of Christ)

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Greetings!

Now that the governor's stay-at-home order has been lifted, it's time to start thinking about resuming worship in the sanctuary. I've discussed this with the board, and we think we can return safely **on May 17** with some changes, which I'm describing here.

1. First and most important: if you aren't feeling well or think you may have been exposed to someone who is ill, *please stay home*. The service will still be livestreamed on the church's Facebook page (and since it's archived after the live broadcast, if you can't participate at 9:30 Sunday morning, you may join in whenever it works for you).
2. You may wear a mask or gloves or whatever other protective gear you wish. (Obviously you don't need my permission to protect yourself as you see fit, but I just wanted to make it explicit.)
3. Enter and exit the building through the west (main) entrance or the elevator entrance only. North door will be locked. Everett will be disinfecting door handles, handrails, and the elevator regularly.
4. A greeter may be present, but you're invited to pick up your own bulletin from the table—or, if you choose, dispense with the bulletin and follow along on the screen.
5. To maintain six-foot distance, we will have every other pew blocked off. Families and couples may sit together but maintain a six-foot distance between groupings within the pews.
6. We will need to track attendance carefully, but this will be done by the greeter rather than passing the attendance books.
7. At offering and Communion time, we'll come forward, maintaining six-foot distance in the center aisle (Everett will mark the distance with tape). Bread will be in individual cups, just like the juice normally is. Offering plates will be on the smaller tables on the sides.
8. Offering may also be given via the church's website or the Givelify app. Instructions are on the church's Facebook page.
9. If you're not comfortable returning yet, the service will still be livestreamed on our Facebook page. If you choose to participate that way, please "like" or comment so we know you were with us!

10. Because group singing seems to have been associated with some outbreaks of the covid-19 virus, we will not have choir or congregational singing for the time being. (As a singer you know I'm not fond of that, but I'm even less fond of spreading a virus.)
11. Our Deacons will be helping us maintain proper distance when we come forward and when we leave at the end of the service.
12. Please refrain from any physical contact, including handshakes, hugs, and even bumping elbows (since we're being encouraged to stop airborne germs by coughing or sneezing into our elbows).

Seems like years since we've been together in the sanctuary. I look forward to seeing you all again soon—as long as we're safe about it.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sharla". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned in the lower-left quadrant of the page.