

Dear Zion family,

Introduction to resuming indoor worship at Zion...

8:30 service: This service will be in the building with limited numbers in attendance.....

10:45 service: The 8:30 service will be video recorded and available on Facebook and YouTube to watch by 10:45 with some changes to the music to allow us to provide a blended (traditional and contemporary) service online.....



Limited attendance – We will reduce the number of people who can worship indoors to about 30% of our seating capacity while also allowing room to space household groups by a minimum of 6 feet. That means our limit is approximately 70 people or 17 household groups (anyone who lives in the same house can sit together).



Parking lot worship – If you are not yet comfortable gathering in the building but would still like to listen to worship while on the Zion campus, you are invited to park in the parking lot and listen to the 8:30 service on KSDN in your car. [On Sundays when we offer Communion, Pastor Erin will bring Communion out to the parking lot after the service has ended for anyone who would like to take Communion but does not want to come into the building—*still tentative*]



Worship reservations – In order to keep our worship capacity at the level where we can maintain safe spacing, we ask you to sign up to attend Sunday worship. Please call the church office at 225-6755 by **Friday at noon before the Sunday you plan to attend.**



Physical distancing – Please respect six feet of distancing throughout the church, especially when entering and exiting the building.



Face masks – All who come into the church building (except for children under the age of 2) will be required to wear a face mask that covers both nose and mouth. If you forget to bring one, a limited number of disposable masks will be available.



Ushers – When you come into the church, ushers will seat each household group beginning with the front rows and working toward the back. After worship has ended, ushers will dismiss from the back to the front and you are asked to exit the building as soon as you are ushered from the sanctuary. **Ushers will not hand out bulletins**, so we will have everything needed to follow along with worship on our screens. You can also print worship bulletins and children's bulletins at home and bring them with you.



Pastors and musicians – All worship leaders will remain either up front in the chancel or in the balcony where they can lead worship safely distanced from congregants. There will be no hand shaking / greeting before or after worship in the narthex.



No congregational singing – Music is a vital part of our worship services, but we now know that congregational singing carries a significant risk for transmitting the coronavirus. We cannot safely sing together at this time. We invite you instead to listen as our musicians offer hymns and songs of praise.



Communion – Those who wish to take Communion [*on the first and third Sundays of the month?*] will be able to pick up prepackaged wafer and grape juice as you come into the sanctuary. We will take Communion while remaining in the pews. There will also be an opportunity to participate in Communion twice a month in small groups on Wednesday evenings. [*include separate info about these services*]



Offering – We will not have any physical contact during the peace or pass offering plates, but there will be offering baskets available as you enter the sanctuary. Please leave your contribution in one of these baskets on your way into worship. You can also donate online or mail in your offering.



Nursery – The nursery will **not** be available during this time of modified worship gatherings. We will also not have children's bulletins or busy bags available.



Fellowship Hour – We will not have in-person fellowship on Sunday mornings at this time and no food or beverages are currently served in the church at any time during the week.



Cleaning – Disinfecting procedures will be done by our building maintenance person on Mondays. [*OR: we will need volunteers willing to be trained to serve in a rotating group to clean after Sunday worship.*]



Online only – We will return to radio/online only worship immediately if there is a positive COVID-19 case among those who have attended worship in the building.

So that the sanctuary may be a safe place for all, if you are unwilling to worship with these restrictions, please continue to worship online or with our radio broadcast.

ADD WEDNESDAY EVENING COMMUNION OPTIONS INFO