



Sunday Morning Worship Task Force

The Session established the Sunday Morning Worship Task Force at their meeting on May 20. The Task Force consists of nine people, including our two Ministers, two of our staff members, the Chairs of the Worship and Music, Children's Ministries, and Buildings and Grounds Committees, and two at-large members, including a Physician. The group meets bi-weekly to plan for the beginning of in-person Sunday Morning worship and other programming, and would like to share the following initial information with the congregation.

The Task Force has two primary goals: 1) the safety of our congregation during in-person worship and 2) the return, in a safe manner, to the most meaningful in-person worship experience that is possible. For planning purposes, the target date for resuming in-person worship in a way that can achieve these goals is **September 13**.

Plans must be developed in accordance with State and Local health guidance, which are in flux. However, a few items are apparent: 1) Worship will be different. Specifically, we anticipate the following basic changes: there will be no choral or congregational hymn singing, we will be seated six feet apart, and we will wear masks; 2) Sunday School will be virtual in the fall, although the task force is working on a family worship that would occur in Watson Hall; 3) Reservations for worship will be required to attend, and multiple methods of registering for worship will be provided to accommodate everyone; 4) Anyone with COVID - 19 symptoms will be required to refrain from worship.

All details of our worship plan are continuing to be developed and we look forward to sharing our plan when available. Decisions about how and when we worship in person must be approved by Session. Thank you for your patience and your prayers. We look forward to seeing you soon.

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