



**Redeemer**

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## **Comeback Plan**

### ***Communion***

*June 17, 2020*

It has been wonderful gathering as the Body for worship! As we look ahead in our life together, we are ready to take that next step, resuming Communion in both services, beginning Sun., June 21.

The following Communion guidelines are in place in accordance with Missouri District, DHHS, CDC, local guidelines, and the Governor's "Show-Me Strong Recovery Plan". We look at this process not as the flicking of a switch, but more like a slow turn of the dial on a thermostat as we gradually return to life together as the Body of Christ.

While we turn the dial once again and move into Phase 2 of the governor's plan, Covid-19 is still with us. As we stated in previous updates, things will likely not go back to "normal" for some time. Thus, we ask that you share grace and be grace toward others during this emotional time. As leaders, we are striving to make this a safe experience for all. This has been a learning and growing time for us all.

### **General Guideline**

- The same service will be offered at both 8:30am and 11am. This is a temporary move to simplify things, and once life begins to stabilize, plan to resume our regular traditional-modern style.
- Anyone planning to attend should be symptom free and not considered "at-risk." We also ask that if you have any common cold or flu-like symptoms, even if you think it is just allergies, to not attend in-person worship that day.
- Upon entry into church, an elder or his assistant will seat you (from front to back), to help us safely accommodate as many people as we can in the Sanctuary. Balcony and Fellowship Hall will be utilized as overflow seating.
- We will continue to video one of our services and place online later that day.
- Between each service, the chairs and high touch spaces will be sanitized.
- Though not required, social distancing in worship will continue.
- Please know, you are welcome to wear masks and/or gloves.
- Bulletins will be placed at the end of each row. Take one as you are seated. Upon completion of the service, we ask that you take used bulletins and papers with you and discard or recycle at home.

### **Communion Distribution**

Preparation for the Lord's Supper will be taken with great care to limit contact of people, vessels, and elements. Those preparing Communion will wash hands before and after.

- Distribution will be "walk through".
- Pastor will wear latex gloves and mask during distribution.

- The assigned elder will dismiss one family group at a time for distribution, to allow for social distancing and continuous flow. Each grouping will come forward, receive the Lord's Supper, and then go back to their seats.
- Pastor will distribute both bread and wine, placing each element in the communicant's hand.
- A common dismissal will occur after all have communed.
- Individual cups will be utilized and spaced out across the tray so there are empty spaces around each cup, allowing adequate spacing for Pastor to administer. Common cup will not be used at this time.
- Along with attendance, the assigned elder will note those taking Communion (for church records).

Some of you are ready to return to life as "normal" and have no concerns about doing so. Others of you remain concerned for a variety of reasons. Specifically, ***if you have concerns about participating in Communion, do not feel obligated to partake.*** You are more than welcome to remain in your seat and use that time for prayer and contemplation. This meal is a gift of God's grace, not a work to accomplish.

Elders and pastor are closely monitoring the situation, seeking to honor the third, fourth, and fifth Commandment as we honor God, respect government authority, and serve our neighbor in love. Plans could change at any time in our community and thus, we need to be flexible.

We are thrilled to take this next step in our life together. Have a question, comment, or concern? Feel free contacting an elder or pastor, we would love to have a conversation!

Be safe. Be grace. Be in Jesus. God be with you, just as He promised to be!

In Christ Jesus,  
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