



## Worship • Witness • Walk in Love

April 1, 2021

Dear Friends,

On Sunday April 4, we will be moving our Sunday morning worship service to the picnic shelter and surrounding field. This will be a one hour worship service beginning at 11am. We will continue with Sunday services at the shelter through the end of May at which time we plan to evaluate where things are trending with the pandemic and weather. At that time we will consider whether it would be better to move inside due to the heat or to continue outside but move the service to an earlier hour to make the most of cooler mornings. We will continue to livestream the service ongoing. However, to reduce expenses we will only be streaming to our YouTube channel. This change will begin April 11.

At the shelter service we will not be requiring masks while people are in place at their seats. We do ask that when moving from your cars to your place and mingling with one another that you wear a mask if you are not able to maintain a social distance of six feet. This is a change from last summer's practice. One reason for this change is that we have come to realize that there is more than just the shelter space itself in which we might socially distance. There are two acres surrounding the shelter where we may spread out. We are encouraging you to make the most of that opportunity as you feel comfortable. Masks and hand sanitizer will be available. There is one caveat which I would like to add...

We would like to reserve those places in the shelter and closest to the worship team for those who would prefer to wear masks the entire service and who because of their own health concerns need shielding from the sun. So, if you are coming and prefer to wear a mask, please find a place in the shelter and to the front. If you are coming and prefer not to wear a mask, please find a place along the perimeter of the shelter and to the back. I can imagine that this may change, but we will begin being conservative and modify our practice as we see how this plays out. Whether you are sitting in the grass or in the shelter, I would encourage you to bring your own folding chair. For those in the grass, you may also want to bring an umbrella, canopy, blanket and/or beach toys. In future weeks, why not make it a picnic?

If inclement weather is forecast on the Saturday before a service, you will receive an email through the google groups email listing and through Church Center of any change in plans to the service. This Sunday (Easter), we will have an Easter Egg Hunt for our children (and yes, teens) following the service. Following the egg hunt, we are offering a prepared sandwich lunch with bags of chips and bottled water. Please stay after to enjoy the weather and the fellowship. It has been quite a year. Don't forget to RSVP via the Church Center App so that we might have an accurate headcount and enough food for everyone.

As we make yet another 'pivot,' let's not grow weary in being patient and forbearing. Many of us are at different places as we understand the conditions of the pandemic. We are offering a degree of discretion as to what you feel is appropriate. As you seek to be wise, please be mindful of others and their concerns. If speaking with someone wearing a mask, please wear a mask yourself. We will be a people who practice Philippians 2:4 - "Let each of you look not only to your own interests but also to the interests of others."

Lastly, we will need weekly help setting up and breaking down. I would like this be a scheduled effort. If you are willing to help, please let me know. 27 people will get us through May.

Thanks for reading, and Happy Easter!

Grace upon grace,

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From the fullness of His grace we have received one blessing after another. John 1:16