

Dear Families of St. Paul,

We wanted to provide you with an update regarding our second phase of reopening which begins on September 20.

Many members of the worship committee took time to listen to solicited and un-solicited feedback, questions, ideas and concerns, all of which were discussed and considered. As we met to discuss the best way to proceed, there were three big things guiding our thinking:

- What do we believe is the right thing to do for the right reason and how do we do it the right way to the best of our ability?
- What represents the best path for the church health both in the short and long-term?

Lastly and perhaps most importantly,

- What does love require of us?

Our plan is to:

- **Move back to two worship services each Sunday beginning September 20**
 - 8:30am Traditional Service for Vulnerable Persons in the sanctuary
 - 9:40-10:40 Sunday school
 - 10:45am Contemporary Service

The details, procedures and precautions that we are taking for phase 2 are listed on the second page of this document. We do ask that if you are sick, have any Covid-19 symptoms, a fever or are waiting for Covid-19 test results that you not come to church. Keep in mind that this continues to be a fluid situation and we want to make the best decisions for St. Paul using the three guiding questions above while also utilizing the wisdom of the committee, other churches and their leaders as well as health professionals. This, like most things in this season will be new to us all so we ask for your patience and grace with our staff, volunteers and with one another. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to Marcus at the church office or via email at marcus@revdrorange.com. Do note that his sabbath day is Friday.

In Christ,



Rev. Dr. Marcus J. Carlson
Interim Senior Pastor

Reopening Phase 2 Plan

• **8:30am Traditional Service for Vulnerable Persons**

- This service is specifically for those who are at risk and their families.
- The service will be held in the sanctuary.
- The following measures will be taken:
 - Every other pew will be roped off. The front pews will be roped off.
 - One pew per family unit, unless the family unit is only 1 or 2 people. In that case one family unit can be at each end of the pew.
 - Masks are required by all at this service except those leading music, liturgy, sermon etc. while leading.
 - Reservations will be required at least until we know it is not necessary. The cap will be 45 people. You make reservations by contacting the church office no later than 10am on the Friday before.
 - If we are short on space due to visitors, we may ask some members to switch to the second service, starting with staff and council.
 - A table with hand sanitizer and masks will be provided in the narthex. Given the use of hymnals etc, attendees are urged to use hand sanitizer at the very least at the start and completion of the service.

• **10:45am Contemporary Service**

- Masks are strongly encouraged.
- Only family units should sit together.

• **All services**

- Communion will be offered using individual disposable cups/crackers.
 - The pastor leading the liturgy will wear a mask while doing so if within 6 feet of the cups.
- All paid staff will be required to wear masks on Sunday mornings at all times except when they are leading worship and/or more than 6 feet away from others.
 - The staff hopes that council can join them in this as a shared sign of leadership & sacrifice.
- There needs to be at least a 24 hour window between usage of spaces for worship.
- Appropriate cleaning measures will continue to be taken during the week.
- We will not be printing bulletins for services.
- We will not be passing offering plates going forward. Instead we will utilize locked giving boxes in the back of each worship space and encouraging automatic giving.