

WORSHIP SERVICES

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Sundays at 9:30am

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St. Mark's In-Person Worship Re-Opening Guidelines and Expectations

As we return to gathering in person for worship, we do so with the knowledge that there are those among us with compromised immunity as well as those who do not yet have the privilege of receiving the vaccination. Therefore, the following will be expected of those who choose to attend worship in person:

- All attendees will register or be checked in upon arrival, and will utilize the marked entrances on the east side of the sanctuary. (From the North Parking Lot stairs, and the terrace door nearest the Memorial Garden.)
- All attendees will be expected to be free of COVID symptoms and not have tested positive for COVID within 14 days.
- All attendees (vaccinated or not) will wear a face mask or shield while inside the sanctuary. (This will allow us to sing and pray aloud as a congregation.)
- All attendees will be seated by an usher to assist with ensuring proper distancing between households. Please be flexible as returning to your "regular seat" may not be possible until further restrictions are lifted.
- All households will observe 6' distance from other households. *Exceptions:*
 - Families spanning different households may be seated together, and
 - Those who are fully vaccinated may choose to be seated together in groups of no more than 6.
 - *Please note: ushers will not add more persons to a group once they have been seated.*
- Restrooms will be available for use by one person or household at a time.
- All offerings of cash or checks will be collected as attendees enter and exit the sanctuary.
- All attendees will exit the sanctuary as directed by the ushers following the Postlude, utilizing the west sanctuary doors (toward the North Parking Lot and via ramp toward the courtyard).
- There will be no hosted fellowship hour following the service. All attendees are encouraged to gather with friends or family as they feel comfortable off campus.

In order to help us prepare for the number of persons likely to attend each Sunday, we request that members, especially, pre-register their attendance each week using the online registration link or by contacting the Church Administrator, Michelle Solomon, via phone or email. **You can register online by going to www.stmarksumcsd.org.**

Policies Regarding Vaccinations

Worship: At St. Mark's, we believe that worship should be open and inviting to all persons as God's grace draws all people to hear and respond to the Good News. Those who do not wish to disclose their vaccination status will not be required to do so in order to attend worship.

Volunteers and Staff: As faithful leaders in the ministries of service and care, we believe that it is important for any and all persons who represent St. Mark's in roles that interface with our community to commit to ensuring a safe and welcoming environment for others by having completed their vaccinations or receiving a negative COVID test 48hrs prior to their volunteer or paid service.

Voluntary Disclosure: Believing the findings of the CDC that vaccinated persons bear lower risk of transmitting the virus, worship attendees may voluntarily disclose their vaccinated status so that we may have a clearer sense of the assumed risk of worshipping together indoors. Any personal medical information given will be kept confidential, and used only to calculate or communicate the percentage of any gathering who are vaccinated.