

June 9, 2020



Dear Grace Church Family,

We are very excited to let you know that Sunday morning worship will resume at Grace Church! Last Sunday's "practice" service went well, and we look forward to seeing more of you this Sunday, June 14th!

Below is important information for you to read as we move forward with congregational worship. In the midst of this transition, let's keep Colossians 3:12 at the forefront of our hearts and minds:

"Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience,..."

This is an opportunity for our church community to move forward with wisdom and unity. I strongly believe that our experience through this will strengthen our bond as a church and empower us to glorify God by proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ.

WORSHIP at Grace (June 14, 10-11am) - Our first service together will be this Sunday, June 14 from 10-11am. We completely understand that not everyone is ready to participate in larger group gatherings. When the time is right for you and your family, please join us. The service will be made available online, posted on Facebook, and sent to you via email.

There will be some DIFFERENCES - For those of you who will be joining us for worship, we want you to know in advance that the service will be different. Precautions will be put into place in order to maintain a welcoming and safe as possible environment as we meet for worship. Below we have listed some of the changes. Please watch this video for an example of what to expect when you come to Grace Church on Sunday mornings: [Welcome to Grace Video Link](#)

- Some people will be wearing masks, and some will not. This is an opportunity for us to extend grace to one another.
- Doors will open at 9:50am, and they will be propped open so as to eliminate the need to touch the handles. A greeter will meet you at the door to welcome you into the building. The greeters will be wearing masks and will not be shaking

hands. In fact, we ask all people to refrain from shaking hands while in the building.

- When you enter the building, we will help you make your way directly to the worship center where an usher will direct you and your family to a section of chairs. Chairs have been rearranged to allow for appropriate physical distancing.
- There will be music during the worship service, but for now we will not be singing as a congregation. The worship service will be approximately one hour.
- Sermon notes will be made available in advance for you to print off at home. Bulletin information will be provided through our weekly emails.
- An offering box will be available in the atrium where you can give your tithes and offerings. You can also continue to give online by visiting our website or downloading the "Give Plus" mobile app. [Click Here to Give Online](#)
- Children's Church and nursery care will not be available during the worship service, however there will be tables in the back of the worship center reserved for families with children. Individualized activities for children to enjoy during the service will be placed in the back. You will take these activity bags home with you after the service. The nursery will be made available for nursing and diaper changes only.
- After the service, ushers will dismiss you by rows. We ask that you immediately leave the building without congregating in the worship center or atrium. Weather permitting, you are welcomed to fellowship in the parking lot, but please be considerate of others who might prefer to maintain social distance while outside.

For anyone who might not be feeling well or is showing symptoms of illness (i.e., fever of 100.4° or higher, cough, sore throat, congestion/runny nose, etc.), we encourage you to stay home and take advantage of viewing the service online.

Again, we are excited to begin gathering together as a church community, and look forward to worshipping with you in-person or online. Please continue to pray for Grace Church and all the churches in our area as we seek to resume congregational worship that glorifies God and maintains a safe and welcoming environment.

Pastor Austin Branson