

Phase 1 of Gathering Again

What to Expect

Timing

- Starting Sunday, June 7.
- We do not know how long we will be in this phase but will continue to take things week-by-week.
- Registration will be available for the first Sunday next Wednesday, June 3

Services

Online Service

- For those who wish to continue watching from home, we will be continuing to post services online during this time.
- The service will be posted online by 11 AM and will be:
 - a recording of the first outdoor service. We will not have lyrics on screen but will provide lyric sheets for the worship songs at our website on Fridays for those who wish to print in advance or view on a device to sing along to the online service.
 - o in the event of inclement weather, an indoor pre-recorded message and music, similar to what we are currently providing.

Outdoor Services

- We will host three smaller outdoor in-person services at 9 AM, 11 AM, and 6 PM in the North Parking Lot of the church, by the Student Ministry House.
- Services will provide a time to come together to worship, hear a message, testimonies and spend time in prayer. However, the services will be abbreviated and simplified, lasting no more than about 45 min.
- We will not have lyrics projected but will provide lyric sheets for the worship songs at our website on Fridays for those who wish to print and bring them to the service on Sunday. We will also have copies available at each service, or you may use your phone/device to view the lyrics.
- We will limit the number of people who can attend each service to 125 people in chairs, and 20 vehicles where families/individuals remain in their car in designated spots for the duration of the service.
- There will be two different types of spots for cars "No Motor" (those who back in and sit in trunk of car), and "Motor Optional" (those who wish to pull in and keep their motor running/windows up)
- For those who are in their cars with windows up, we will be broadcasting the service through an radio transmitter that you can listen to with your car radio.
- For those who wish to sit in the lot, you will need to bring your own seating for each member of your family.
- Advance registration will be required for each of the services, as we will be limiting how many individuals can be in each service.

Registration

- Advance registration will be required to limit the number of people in each service each person/member of
 a family must register in advance regardless of whether you plan to sit in the seating area in a chair or
 whether you plan to stay in your vehicle.
- Registration will be available on Wednesdays before the service, with the June 7 registration opening on June
 Registration will be available on the front page of our website. For those with limited Internet or computer access, you may call the church office and we can assist you.
- You can register for one of three options in each service:



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 Chair Spot(s): These are those who wish to bring their own chair(s) to be in the seating area on the Lot.

"Motor Optional" Car Spot

- These are for those who wish to remain in their car for the duration of the service either with windows up, or who will not be in their trunks.
- Because these spots will have the option to keep their car running, these spots will not be as
 close to the platform and may require the use of a car radio to hear the service.

"Motor Off" Car/Trunk Spot

- These spots are for those with vans/SUVs who have young children, or who have families with a member in a vulnerable population.
- These cars will be backed into a spot so families can sit in the trunk of their car and listen to the service, similar to a drive-in movie.
- These cars will be closer to the stage/seating area and will **not** be permitted to leave their motors on.
- If you register for any kind of car spot, all members must remain in the car for the duration of the service. No member of your group may get out to enter or be seated in the chair seating area.

Inclement Weather Plan

- Should there be inclement weather, we will cancel services on an individual basis, one hour before the start of that service. Please check the website before you leave the house to be sure that your service has not been cancelled. There may be mornings where the 9 AM service is cancelled, but the 11 AM and 6 PM services are still held. Likewise, we may hold a 9 AM service and need to cancel the 11 AM service because of weather moving in always check the website before you leave!
- Should a service be cancelled, those who registered for that service would participate in the online service that Sunday instead.
- Should the 9 AM service be cancelled, we will post the pre-recorded service by 11 AM.

Arrival

• When you arrive, we will provide signs and volunteers to help guide you based on what type of spot you have registered for.

Kids

- We will not be providing childcare or children's Sunday morning programming at this time.
- We ask that our entire church family, regardless of whether you have young children or not, be patient with our parents and children during this time as they learn to participate in a worship service.
- We will be providing activity bags for children 2 years old through 5th grade upon arrival the first week. We ask that parents bring these bags and supplies back with you each week and we will update the activity and lesson sheets each Sunday.
- **Preschool parents** we know that this may be a challenging scenario for you, so we have worked through a few opportunities that may be helpful during outdoor services:
 - o Consider registering for one of the "Motor Off" Car/Trunk spots. Similar to a drive-in movie, kids can sit with you in the trunk of an SUV/Van.
 - o The activity bags will provide some coloring sheets and other activities to help occupy your little ones.



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- Consider bringing some headphones and have your preschooler listen to the weekly preschool lesson during the service time on a phone or tablet. While WiFi will be limited, we will be working to expand our WiFi into the lot for parents of Preschoolers to utilize the video lessons during the service.
- **Elementary parents** we know that this represents a wide age-range of students, but we hope that you can utilize this time to help your kids learn how to participate in a worship service. We encourage your kids to sing along, pray with us, bring their Bibles and utilize the provided elementary notes page during the message portion of the service.

Restrooms

- We encourage everyone to use the restroom before you arrive in order to minimize the number of people utilizing the restrooms.
- The Student Ministry House restrooms will be available during each service and will be cleaned and sanitized between services.

Giving

- For those looking to participate in worship through giving, we will have touchless offering boxes on stands by the entrance to the seating area.
- Offering can also be deposited in the secure box by the office, mailed to the church office, or through online giving.

Additional Safety Measures & Considerations

- Due to the outdoor nature of these services, masks will be optional.
- However, volunteers/staff who are interacting with those in designated Car spots and volunteers/staff guiding people in the seating area *will* be asked to wear a mask.
- If you are sick, or have had a fever in the past 3 days, we ask that you stay at home and watch the service online.
- Dress will be informal, and we encourage you to dress for the warmer weather.
- We encourage you to bring water, wear hats and sunscreen, and you are welcome to bring a golf umbrella to help keep cool during the service.