

Outdoor Worship Frequently Asked Questions

What can I expect?

- We will have a simple, meaningful service with a sermon and prayer time.
- Music will be performed from a safe distance. There will be no corporate singing.
- There will be a SmallTalk message, but children must stay with their families. Do not send children forward.
- There will be no Children's Church or Busy Bags. Children must remain with their family group at all times.
- An offering box will be available in which to place your contribution, but the offering plates will not be passed.
- Communion will be part of the service, but you must bring your own elements (see "What should I bring?" for more details). Please do not share communion elements between families.
- Those with disabilities will be allowed to pass through the building to the backyard, but everyone else will be asked to walk around the building when arriving and leaving.
- Individuals/families will set up their own chairs at least 6 feet physically distanced from all other individuals/families.
- Restrooms will be open to one person/family at a time and will be sanitized in between. Masks will be required to enter the building to use the restrooms.
- The service will last approximately 45 minutes. Please do not arrive before 8:30 a.m. and plan to leave immediately after the service.

Are masks required?

- Masks will be required for arriving and departing as people are passing in closer proximity and in larger numbers at one time.
- The pastor will invite you to remove your mask at the beginning of the worship service.
- Masks will be required anytime you are not physically distanced by at least 6 feet from others who are not part of your family group and if entering the building (e.g., for the restroom).

Are reservations required?

- Because we will be outdoors, we are not asking for reservations. All are welcome!

What if it rains?

- In the event of questionable weather, an announcement regarding cancellation will be made by 8:00 a.m. via email, social media, and Remind.

What should I bring?

- Face masks (will be required for arriving, leaving, and entering the building to use the restroom)
- Hand sanitizer or hand wipes
- Lawn chairs (No chairs will be provided.)
- Water bottles (Water fountains will not be available.)
- Sunscreen and bug spray
- Your own "Busy Bags" for your children (suggested items: coloring book, crayons, small quiet toys)
- Communion elements (bread, crackers, donut holes 😊, water, juice, Kool-Aid 😊, or whatever you have) for your family. Alcohol is not permitted on the premises, so please no wine.

What else should I think about?

- Please use the restroom at home before coming to worship to minimize the restroom traffic at the church. Restrooms will be available to one family unit at a time, and each family is asked to wipe down all surfaces touched with a Clorox wipe before exiting the restroom.
- Dress comfortably and casually for being outdoors.
- We ask that you do not gather with others in the church yard or parking lot before or after the service.

Is this a weekly event?

- Weekly outdoor worship will continue as long as the weather permits.