



UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST OF HUMMELSTOWN

RE-GATHERING PLAN

In-person worship option begins again April 11th

Hello friends,

Once again, I get to say to you that change is coming. At the most recent Gift Team Board Meeting, the decision was made to return to our Hybrid model of worship starting April 11th, 2021. Given the current rates and the continuing roll out of the vaccine, the Gift Team Board and I feel we are ready now to thoughtfully move forward with in person worship and gathering again.

As we make this change, we acknowledge that for some who are further down the vaccine timeline, or with vulnerable communities outside the church, the time will still not be right for returning. But as we did in the fall of 2020, we will offer worship space, while still following the same mitigation factors we set in place, distanced pews, masks, and fellowship outside the building following service.

NOT READY TO RETURN? For those who do not feel comfortable returning at this point due to increased personal or family risk, please note that our current Facebook Live worship will continue.

We will continue to stream our services for the foreseeable future, and encourage you to continue to share them with family and friends in several different formats. Check out the *Digital Worship Page* included here for more information.

READY TO GATHER? For those who are excited by the opportunity to be in the building, read on for more about the changes implemented to worship so that when we gather in person, we do our best to limit everyone's risk of exposure.

We have a responsibility to care for the health and well-being of all in our community, including our most vulnerable populations. As we embark upon this process, we ask you to focus on this commitment to all disciples and friends of the congregation by following through, and helping others to do the same.

Remember what Jesus said when asked about the Greatest Commandment, "Love God, and love your neighbor as yourself". Let us show our love for all.

—Pastor Beth

GUIDELINES FOR IN PERSON WORSHIP

If you have concerns about attending in person, speak with Pastor Beth or the Gift Team Board. These guidelines will help us take as much precaution as possible while we support our need for connectivity!

- If you do not feel well, stay home and engage with digital worship.
- Sanctuary capacity is still limited by distanced pews throughout the sanctuary.
- All attendees will wear a mask, fitted closely over both nose and mouth anytime in the building.
- Only the doors at the corner of Water and Main Streets will be open for entry to worship. Use of the side entrance is limited to office hours.
- Use hand sanitizer upon entering the building.
- Maintain 6 feet distance between you and others at all times, paying special attention to times in doorways and smaller areas.
- Pews are marked off to establish 6 feet of space between each family group. Bulletins will be placed into the pews before worship, and left there after service, unless you would like to take it home with you.
- Bring your own communion elements for communion Sundays.
- Faith Formation will not begin immediately with worship, when ready, to start, greater space between individuals will be set up.
- At the end of worship, immediately exit outside the building. Fellowship hour will not happen in the building. When outside, you are encouraged to continue to wear your mask and must maintain space between yourself and others.
- **If there is a dramatic increase in local cases, or we receive guidance from Pennsylvania Department of Health or the CDC to stop in person worship, a letter and email will go out to immediately shift back to digital only worship.**

We are blessed to be in community together, journeying together in faith.

WAYS TO SERVE IN WORSHIP

In Person worship will require our traditional roles in worship to change, but your participation is still needed and wanted in traditional and new ways.

Usher/Greeter (Only scheduling 1 Greeter and 1 Usher each Sunday)

Be the friendly face to welcome to church. To encourage less contact and more self service, ushers will give directions to where offering plates and bulletins are to be found, but are not handing out anything or picking up offering plates.

Technology *Monitor online stream and manage video camera.* Sit with the camera to troubleshoot the livestream to Facebook, and move the video camera as needed. You do not have to be extremely knowledgeable about the system, but willing to learn the basics.

To volunteer for any worship participation call or email the office today!

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IMPORTANT: If you are not feeling well, think you or a family member may have been exposed to COVID-19, contact Pastor Beth, or Bill and Thelma Shumway prior to worship and STAY HOME. It is better to seek a substitute or ask for a volunteer on Sunday than to expose the congregation.

DIGITAL WORSHIP

Live Stream Sundays @10:30 am



Attend with video online:

[www.facebook.com/
HummelstownUCC/live](https://www.facebook.com/HummelstownUCC/live)

OR

Request to be on the telephone call list for Sunday service to be called at 10:25 before worship and listen to the service.

Missed the live service?



Check the YouTube Channel for previous full length worship services. Subscribe to the channel on YouTube to get notifications when new content is posted.

<https://tinyurl.com/HUCCYouTube>