



August 8 2021

10:00 a.m., Facebook LIVE

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*Welcome! Come, let us worship together—online and in person.*

*“Worship” is not something we watch. It is something we do. Read aloud bolded responses.*

*Please share greetings and comments. Stand if you choose, where you see \**

## G A T H E R I N G

**Ring of the Bell Tower Carillon** (9:45 a.m.)

Montgomery Service

**Gathering Music** ‘Aria’ Opus 51 for trumpet and organ, Flor Peeters

Wes Woodward & Leslie Weber

**Welcome & Announcements**

Rev. Britney L.V. Knight

**Call to Worship** (*responsive, please read aloud the bold print*)

Rev. Britney L.V. Knight

With friends and strangers,  
with family and neighbors, we gather:

**Come among us, Healing God,  
with that love which never ends.**

With faith reaching out to touch,  
with hearts straining to trust, we hope:

**Come among us, Friend of the broken,  
with your compassion which makes us whole.**

With word and wonder,  
with silence and song, we wait:

**Come among us, Dryer of our tears,  
to lift us to our feet to follow you.**

## P R A Y I N G

**\*Hymn #301**

*Let Us Build a House*

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**Call to Confession**

Rev. Chris Weichman

There is nothing, nothing, which can divide us—  
in life and death—from God.  
So let us confess our worst faults and eager failings,  
so we may be touched  
by the healing power of God.

**Prayer of Confession** (*in unison*)

Rev. Chris Weichman

**We want to touch the hem of your garment, O God.  
Forgive us for being afraid to touch  
those who come to us for hope;  
we want to love the whole world:  
forgive us for ignoring our neighbor;  
we long for peace:  
forgive us for the pain we inflict  
on our families and friends;**

we want to share with those we love and like:  
forgive us for walking past  
those who need you most.  
Forgive us, Loving God, that we do not excel  
in everything you call us to do.  
Give us grace:  
to touch those who frighten us;  
to carry the Bread of Life to the hungry;  
to offer the blessings of the kingdom  
to everyone we meet,  
even as you have graced us in Christ Jesus,  
our Lord and Savior.

*Silent Prayers of Confession*

**Assurance of Pardon** (*responsive, please read aloud the bold print*)

Rev. Chris Weichman

Listen to the Good News!  
Hope in God, for God's love has no ending;  
God fills us with grace and hope, this day, and forever.  
**God hears our voice, and listens to our  
prayers, redeeming us from all our sins.  
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**\*Passing of the Peace**

Rev. Chris Weichman

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you  
**And also with you.**

*Share greetings of Christ's peace in the comment section on the Facebook livestream or share a nod, a peace sign, a wave of peace with those worshipping with you in the sanctuary.*

**Special Music**

*"Intrada for trumpet and organ," Robert Wetzler*  
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Wes Woodward & Leslie Weber

**L I S T E N I N G**

**First Reading** *Lamentations 3:22-33*

Rachel Moldovan

<sup>22</sup> The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; <sup>23</sup> they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. <sup>24</sup> "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." <sup>25</sup> The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. <sup>26</sup> It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD. <sup>27</sup> It is good for one to bear the yoke in youth, <sup>28</sup> to sit alone in silence when the Lord has imposed it, <sup>29</sup> to put one's mouth to the dust (there may yet be hope), <sup>30</sup> to give one's cheek to the smiter, and be filled with insults. <sup>31</sup> For the Lord will not reject forever. <sup>32</sup> Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; <sup>33</sup> for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

**Hymn #797**

*We Cannot Measure How You Heal*

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**Children's Moment**

Rev. Chris Weichman

**Second Reading** *Mark 5:21-43*

Rev. Britney L.V. Knight

<sup>21</sup> When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. <sup>22</sup> Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet <sup>23</sup> and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live." <sup>24</sup> So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him.

<sup>25</sup> Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. <sup>26</sup> She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. <sup>27</sup> She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, <sup>28</sup> for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." <sup>29</sup> Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease.

<sup>30</sup> Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" <sup>31</sup> And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'" <sup>32</sup> He looked all around to see who had done it. <sup>33</sup> But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. <sup>34</sup> He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

<sup>35</sup> While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" <sup>36</sup> But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." <sup>37</sup> He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. <sup>38</sup> When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. <sup>39</sup> When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." <sup>40</sup> And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. <sup>41</sup> He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" <sup>42</sup> And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. <sup>43</sup> He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

## Sermon

"Twelve Years"

Rev. Britney L.V. Knight

## R E S P O N D I N G

### Time of Reflection

"Take Me To The King," Tamela Mann

Emma Howell & Leslie Weber

### Prayers of the People

Rev. Britney L.V. Knight

God is Good... All the Time!

All the Time... God is Good!

### The Lord's Prayer *(in unison)*

Rev. Britney L.V. Knight

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day, our daily bread,  
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

### \*Hymn #438

*Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

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### \*Giving of Our Tithes & Offerings

Rev. Britney L.V. Knight

*Thank you for enabling ministry using the blue **shop now** button on the church's Facebook page or see the box on the bottom of this page.*

### \*Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise God, all creatures high and low...Alleluia, Alleluia!*

*Praise God, in Jesus fully known;*

*Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

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### \*Benediction

Rev. Britney L.V. Knight

### \*Postlude

"Trumpet Voluntary in G," David Lasky

Wes Woodward & Leslie Weber

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## INVITATION TO MINISTRY

**Welcome!** It is good to welcome worshipers back into the sanctuary as Facebook LIVE-streaming continues. Masks are optional if you are vaccinated. If you are not vaccinated a mask must be worn at all times. When singing everyone is required to wear a mask. Updated in-person worship details can be found on page 12 of this bulletin.

**Erie Gives! On August 10th** from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. you can give to the church by going to [www.eriegives.org](http://www.eriegives.org). The Erie Community Foundation will provide a prorated match. Minimum gift is \$25.00. Visa, MasterCard, and Discover accepted. Last year that the church received \$49,000 through Erie Gives. Your participation continues to bless FPCC's ministries. We are grateful for your generosity. Every gift makes a difference!

**Join Us For Fellowship After Worship** Catch up with friends or meet someone new. Come and join us for Fellowship Hour under the Bell Tower.

**Updated Protocols!** Following PA Department of Health department CDC guidance, masks are optional for those fully-vaccinated. Those not fully-vaccinated must continue to wear a mask in the building. Congregational singing has resumed, however, masks must be worn while singing, even for those fully vaccinated. Remember: children have not yet had the opportunity to be vaccinated. And there are some in our midst with extreme health vulnerabilities. For these reasons, social distancing (seating every third pew) will continue. More details on page 11.

**Welcome new students to Erie!** Can you pick up a new international student (or two) from Erie International Airport, and deliver them to Gannon? Flights range from August 2 to 18, in afternoons and evenings. Twelve students from India, Japan, Spain, Mongolia, Nigeria, Zimbabwe, Vietnam and France would love to meet a friendly Erie resident upon their arrival. Contact Seph Kumer 814.566.0287 to volunteer or with questions.

**Cantor Volunteers needed** as we move into the Fall we are in need of volunteers to lead us in the singing of the hymns during worship. Practice provided before the service on Sundays. Please contact Monty Service ([montgomery.service@firstcovenanterie.org](mailto:montgomery.service@firstcovenanterie.org)) if you are interested or have any questions.

**Carillion Volunteers needed** it's been great to use the carillon to welcome us into worship each Sunday morning, as we look to the Fall we are in need of volunteers to play the carillon for 9-10 minutes before worship on Sunday mornings. We've been using hymn melodies and the carillon console is a keyboard (like a piano). Training and orientation provided, volunteers would need to be able to read music and play one-handed melodies. Please contact Monty Service ([montgomery.service@firstcovenanterie.org](mailto:montgomery.service@firstcovenanterie.org)) if you are interested or have any questions.

**Share a Wednesday evening with neighborhood kids!** Shop the Burch Farms market. Meet church neighbors. Enjoy the amazing bay view. These are all part of "West Bay Fit" Wednesdays from 6 to 8 p.m. at Bayview Park, West 2<sup>nd</sup> & Walnut Streets. If you can help Seph provide some simple games for the 6 and under crowd, text him at 814.566.0387. Even if you are unable to help, stop by and check out the fun!

**Save the Date: Worship at Presque Isle August 22** Worship and picnic at Presque Isle's Cookhouse, 10:00 a.m. Bring friends, bag chairs, picnic table cloth, beach gear. There will be no service at the church that day, but a service will be available on Facebook for those desiring to worship from home.

### Summer Faith Formation Opportunities

#### Adults-

**Bible Study (in person)** Genesis with Pastor Britney, Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

**Bible Study (Facebook LIVE)** Wednesdays, 12:00 noon, pastors lead.

**Men's Bible Study (Zoom)** with Pastor Chris, Thursday, **August 12**, 7:30 a.m.

### Call for a Special Meeting of the Congregation

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church of the Covenant calls for a special meeting of the congregation to be held on Sunday, August 8, 2021 in the sanctuary immediately following the 10:00 a.m. worship service. The stated purpose of the meeting is to hear and act upon a report from the Nominating Committee to fill one vacant position on the Board of Deacons.

Rev. Chris Weichman, Moderator

W. D. Holmes, Clerk of Session

## Let Us Build a House

## All Are Welcome

Capo 3: (A7) (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (Bm)  
C7 F C F B $\flat$  C Dm



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can  
2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are  
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter,  
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the  
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and

(D) (A) (D) (Bm7) (Em) (A)  
F C F Dm7 Gm C



safe - ly live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell  
strong and true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek  
wine, and wheat; a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground  
wood and stone to heal and strength-en, serve and teach,  
vi - sions heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed

(Em) (A7) (G) (D) (F $\sharp$ m) (Bm)  
Gm C7 B $\flat$  F Am Dm



how hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and  
to dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as  
where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through  
and live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the  
as words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and

(Em) (A) (D) (G)  
Gm C F B $\flat$



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the  
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as  
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we  
strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us  
laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this

*Refrain*

(D) (G) (F $\sharp$ 7) (Bm) (Em) (Bm)  
F B $\flat$  A7 Dm Gm Dm



love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
one we claim the faith of Je - sus:  
share in Christ the feast that frees us: all are wel - come;  
bring an end to fear and dan - ger:  
house pro-claim from floor to raf - ter:

(F $\sharp$ m) (Em) (D) (Em) (A7) (D) (G) (D)  
Am Gm F Gm C7 F B $\flat$  F



all are wel - come; all are wel - come in this place.

## 797 We Cannot Measure How You Heal

1 We can - not mea - sure how you heal or  
 2 The pain that will not go a - way, the  
 3 So some have come who need your help and

an - swer ev - ery suf - ferer's prayer, yet  
 guilt that clings from things long past, the  
 some have come to make a - mends, as

we be - lieve your grace re - sponds where  
 fear of what the fu - ture holds, are  
 hands which shaped and saved the world are

faith and doubt u - nite to care. Your  
 pres - ent as if meant to last. But  
 pres - ent in the touch of friends. Lord,

This 20th-century text from the Iona Community grapples with the realities of illness and pain, not only as they afflict the body but even more as they lay waste to mind and soul. The traditional folk melody helps to convey the sort of communal experience assumed in the last stanza.

TEXT: John L. Bell and Graham Maule, 1989  
 MUSIC: Scottish melody; arr. John L. Bell, 1989  
 Text and Music © 1989 WGRG, Iona Community (admin. GIA Publications, Inc.)

YE BANKS AND BRAES  
 LMD

LAMENT AND LONGING FOR HEALING

hands, though blood - ied on the cross, sur -  
pres - ent too is love which tends the  
let your Spir - it meet us here to

vive to hold and heal and warn, to  
hurt we nev - er hoped to find, the  
mend the bod - y, mind, and soul, to

car - ry all through death to life and  
pri - vate ag - o - nies in - side, the  
dis - en - tan - gle peace from pain, and

cra - dle chil - dren yet un - born.  
mem - o - ries that haunt the mind.  
make your bro - ken peo - ple whole.

# 438 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.  
 2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de-mands.  
 3 Noth-ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling;  
 4 While I draw this fleet-ing breath, when my eye - lids close in death,

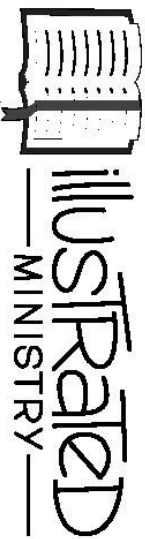
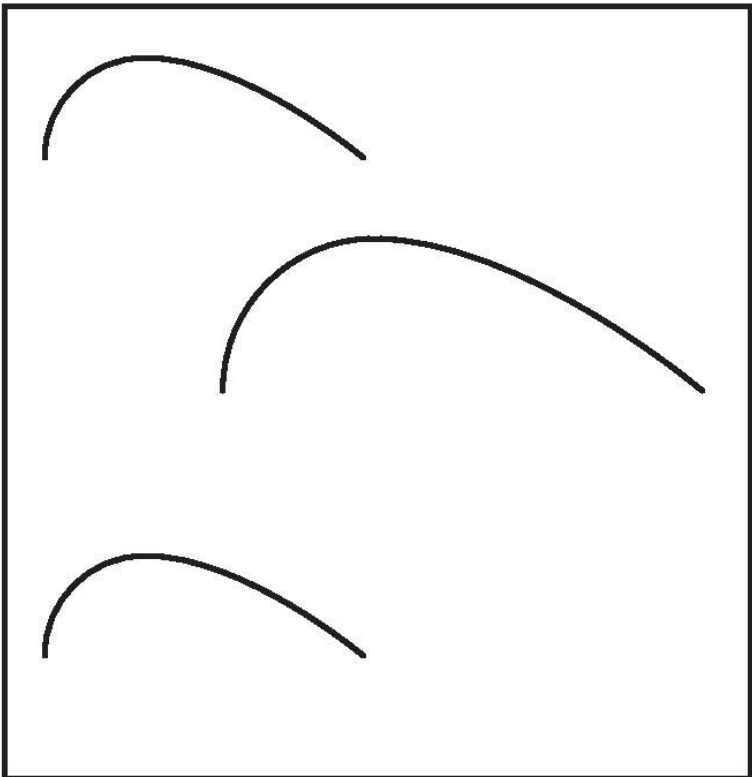
Let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound-ed side which flowed  
 Could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,  
 na - ked, come to thee for dress, help-less, look to thee for grace;  
 when I soar to worlds un-known, see thee on thy judg-ment throne,

be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse from guilt and make me pure.  
 all for sin could not a - tone. Thou must save, and thou a - lone.  
 foul, I to the foun-tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.  
 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.



# FINISH the DRAWING

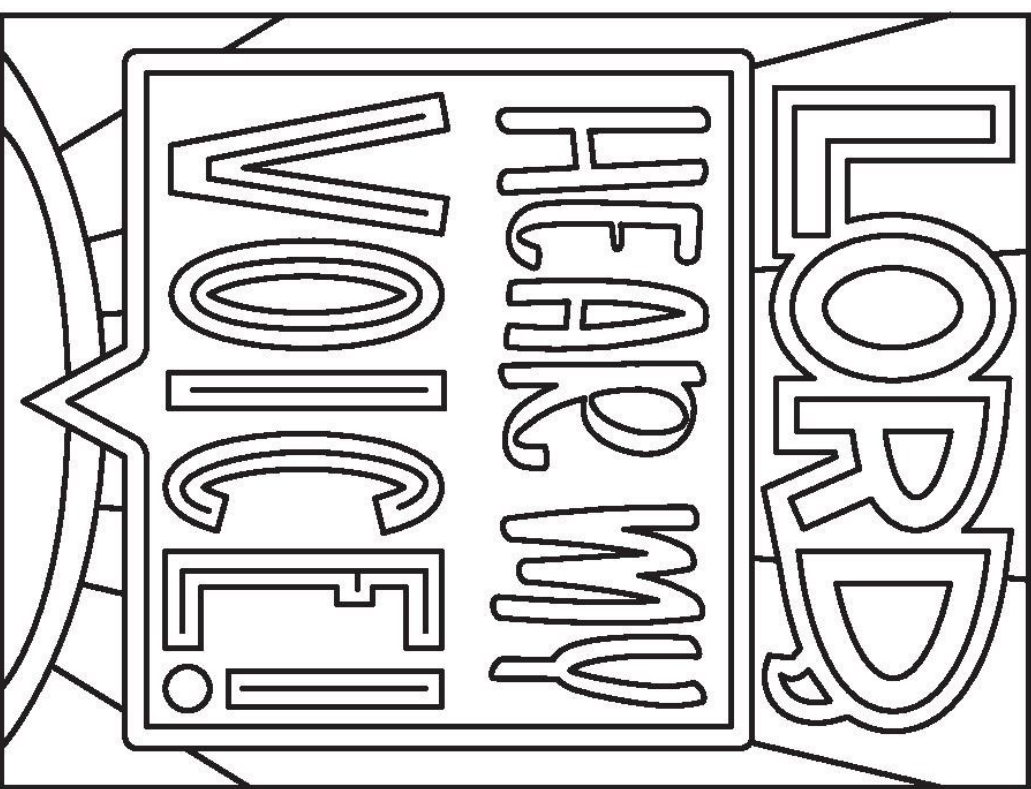
In 2 Samuel 18, King David cries and is very sad because of some hard things his family faced. Finish the drawing of the tear drops. Inside the tears, write or draw some things you might feel sad about and want to share with God.



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# CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33, Psalm 130, Ephesians 4:25-5:2, John 6:35, 41-51.



## DRAW IT

In John 6, Jesus describes himself as “the Bread of Life.” He is like the everyday food we need to live! If you were to compare Jesus to something you need everyday, what would you choose? Draw it here.




## UNSCRAMBLE IT

What does Ephesians 4 say about anger? Unscramble the words to find out!

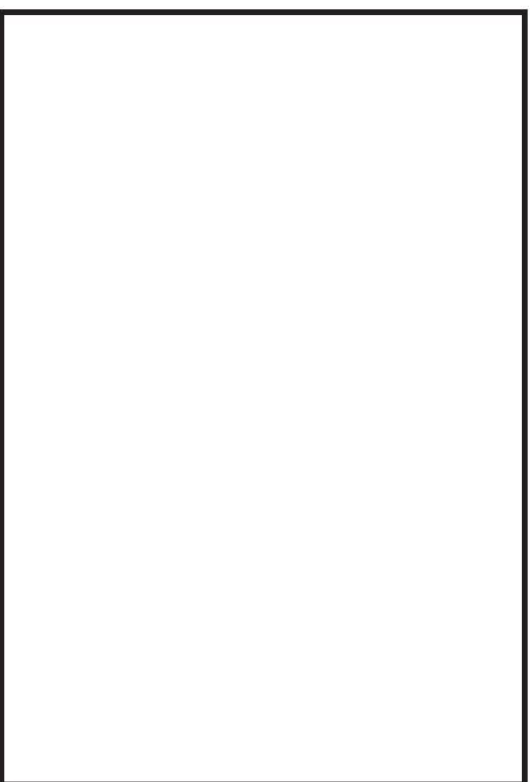
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O D O T N E L T H E T N S U O G

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N O W D N O R O U Y R G A N E .

 DOODLE AREA

Draw a picture of someone you want to pray for.



## Pandemic In-Person Worship Protocols *(updated July 2, 2021)*

It is good to once again have the option to worship together in the sanctuary!

Full vaccinations for Erie County residents continue to increase. Daily new case counts and hospitalizations are declining. Thank God! Warmer weather allows for open doors and ample ventilation in the sanctuary.

Our worship protocols listed below were developed after consultation with Dr. Nadworny and the Erie County Health Department and they will be incrementally adjusted as the situation permits.

The more vaccinated we are, the more protocols can be loosened.

### Here's what to expect:

- **Facebook LIVE-streaming** of services will continue. Attend online or in-person: it is your choice based on your comfort. If you attend in-person, keep this in mind. Talking / noises will be picked up by mics.
- **Complete an attendance / health assessment form in advance—each time you attend.** Find the form on page 14 to cut out and bring with you to turn in at the entry door. You'll also find it in the Chimes newsletter and each worship bulletin. Copies are also available at the entry door. In addition to stating you are feeling well, this form will register in-person attendance and be used if contact tracing is necessary.
- **Limited entry/exit doors.** There will be ONE entry to the sanctuary at 9:30: *Zahniser Coat Room* doors. These doors are at the northeast corner of the church, on the east side (by the Wright House). They enter into the Narthex. The glass "breezeway" doors nor any others will be available for entry. Exit doors will be the same *Zahniser Coat Room* doors and the nearby *Fish Chapel* doors. Other doors will be opened for ventilation purposes and emergency exit only.
- **One-Way traffic lane.** For drop-off and pick-up by car, the lane along the east side of the church will be one-way. One-way into the parking lot from 6th Street BEFORE the worship service. And then as worship concludes it will flip to one-way OUT from the parking lot to 6th Street.
- **Bulletins. Hymnals. Pew pads.** You will be handed a worship packet as you enter. It is the same as what is emailed weekly, containing all bible texts and music. Nothing touched by multiple people will be used: hymnals, bibles, pew pads are stored until further notice. Attendance is received via the health forms.
- **Masking. Distancing. Pews. Seating.** Masking is optional for all who are vaccinated. Those not yet fully vaccinated are asked to continue masking. We will continue to practice social distancing. Some pews are blocked off with chairs to allow for 6-foot distancing between rows. The centers of available pews have a 6-foot "no seating" section marked off. Seating will be at the ends of each available pew. **Volunteers needed to welcome and guide worshipers:**  
[chris.weichman@firstcovenanterie.org](mailto:chris.weichman@firstcovenanterie.org)
- **Singing and spoken responses.** Singing is permitted with masks. Monty will continue as our cantor. Quietly spoken liturgy responses and unison prayers *are* permitted.
- **Narthex bathrooms only.** Only the two bathrooms in the narthex will be available. The rest of the building will remain locked-off. Make a final pit stop at home before leaving.
- **Communion, offering.** On first Sundays you will be handed a communion kit with wafer and juice. Or you may bring your own elements from home. Dispose of packaging as you exit. Offering will be received as you exit. Or continue to give via the church website, the *Give-Plus* app, or U.S. mail.

*During a pandemic nothing is risk-free.*

*Indoor, in-person worship participation, even with all of the protocols and precautions outlined above, still bears the risk of Covid-19 transmission.*

## In-Person Worship Attendance Form

*Please print. Hand-in at entrance to sanctuary. For health screening and contract tracing purposes only. Thank you.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Worship Date \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ Vaccinated? YES NO OTHER

**Experiencing any of the following:** Shortness of breath, cough, fever, chills, body aches, loss of sense of smell or taste, headache, nausea, vomiting? YES NO

**In the last 14 days...**

have you been within 6 feet for 15 minutes or more with anyone that has tested positive for Covid? YES NO

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