



Highland Avenue United Methodist Church

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Greetings friends of Highland Ave UMC,

Through these months of pandemic, we have continued to worship together albeit at a distance. On July 19 we will offer worship in the sanctuary at 9:30 following the guidelines identified here. It will be good to resume our Sunday morning worship, but please be aware that in-person worship will look, feel, and sound different from how we've done it in the past. We are making these changes as an act of "neighbor love" to reduce the risk of transmitting COVID-19 among our congregants.

If you are feeling sick, have a fever, cough, or lost the sense of taste or smell, please stay at home and join us by Zoom (using the same link, meeting #290 383 3540, password 865377) or with a Worship-at-Home packet (which we will continue to send each Saturday.) If you are feeling well, please join us with your mask and plan to maintain a six-foot distance between you and other people. If you are able to donate sanitizing wipes and/or hand sanitizer in a pump bottle we need a supply at the church, thank you!

When you arrive, please park in the upper lot. Only the front sanctuary doors will be open (to reduce the amount of cleaning required in the rest of the building.) If you park in the lower lot, please take the exterior stairs to the sanctuary entrance doors.

A greeter will meet you outside to welcome you, answer any questions, and write down any prayer requests. They will also "take attendance" in case we need to contact you later. Inside, an usher will offer you hand sanitizer, and show you to the next available seat. Offering plates will be placed at the rear of the church, or you may continue to mail in your pledges. Thank you for your faithful financial support! At the end of the service, ushers will dismiss worshippers row by row.

We will have music, but no congregational singing. We will pray together, but silently. We will share peace, from our places. We will gather in God's presence and the presence of our faith community to praise the God of creation and be in worship together. We appreciate your flexibility and look forward to seeing you in the sanctuary of the church building. God is "new every morning" and we share that newness in worship.

In Christ –
Pastor Kathleen
and the Worship Committee

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