

Dear Congregation,

I pray that that all of you are well and blessed by the Lord! This week we celebrate Trinity Sunday, looking at Colossians 3:5-11 and what it means to be an “Image Bearer” of God as a new creation in Christ in these trying times. The Scripture lessons will be Genesis 1:25-27 and Matthew 28:18-20.

Don't Miss This Week's Table Talk (!!!):

This Wednesday, Pastor Ben and I will be talking with Pastor David Myles from New Hope Community Church. We will be discussing all that has happened over the past 8 days following the tragic death of George Floyd. I would highly recommend all of you to watch this challenging and informative Table Talk!

Sunday Time of Praise, Reflection and Communion:

This Sunday (June 7) we will continue to offer a time of personal praise, reflection, and communion. We have expanded the number for each time slot to twenty persons. You can sign up via this link:

<https://form.jotform.com/201534095003140>

Resuming Sunday Worship Services:

We are excited and grateful to be worshipping again as a Church Family. On Sunday, June 14th, we will resume *our Sunday Morning Worship services*. Below is a description as well as guidelines we will follow beginning June 14:

- We will offer three worship services. The services will be as follows:
 - 8am | Traditional worship with communion.
 - 9:15am | Blended of contemporary and traditional worship.
 - 10:30am | Contemporary worship service.
- Due to state guidelines each service is limited to 25% capacity, which is roughly 90 people per service.
- At this point no RSVP is needed to come to a service.
- For the foreseeable future, we will have no Sunday school, Sunday morning Bible Studies or nursery.
- We have an adjusted seating plan to accommodate additional spacing for personal distancing. We ask that family units sit together and do their best to social distance from other families and attenders.
- We will have signs posted as needed, and have hand sanitizers strategically placed throughout the building.
- Volunteers will be opening the doors for people to limit contact with surfaces.
- We ask that you refrain from shaking hands and limit congregating in our welcome area.
- We will have a designated place for you to drop off your offering.
- For everyone's safety, if you are sick, or not feeling well, we ask that you stay home.
- We have developed a deep cleaning strategy (which we are already doing for our Sunday time of praise, reflection, and communion) that will stay in place.
- Though there is a mandatory “wear a mask in public places” policy in affect in Minneapolis, our sanctuary is considered private property and we will let you, the congregation member, decide. We will have masks available for those who desire them.
- If you have any questions, please feel free to email or call us.

With these and other precautions I feel we can honor the CDC recommendations that have been given. We encourage those who are high-risk to stay home and take part in the online services, which we will continue to record and post on our YouTube Channel.

We look forward to what God has in store for us in the months ahead.

Blessings in Christ,
Pastor Brian Ricke