

HCC Family,

Peter gives us image of living stones being built into a spiritual house. The church, the people redeemed by Jesus, is not just a collection of individuals seeking to follow Jesus as individuals. Jesus is building us together so as a way to reveal his glory, both to us and to the world. We were made to worship the Lord.

On Sunday, June 21, HCC will open its doors and begin welcoming our congregation back into the Sanctuary for worship. The purpose of this letter is to outline the process for returning to worship. We know that not everyone will feel comfortable coming into the Sanctuary for worship together. We would also like to provide a few other alternatives for you to be able to gather together even if you're not comfortable coming indoors.

Remote Worship:

We will continue to livestream our worship service at 9:30 for everyone who is more comfortable worshipping remotely. We also strongly encourage those who are at-risk as outlined by the CDC, (["At Risk" population- CDC](#)). If you have any symptoms related to COVID-19 or have been in contact with someone exhibiting those symptoms, please remain at home.

8:30 Chapel Service- HCC Front Lawn:

At 8:30, Pastor Jonathan, Dave and Jaycie will lead a chapel service on the lawn outside Patterson Hall. This service will continue going forward until further notice. This will provide an opportunity for those who want to ease into the re-gathering process to be able to do so at their own pace. This service will be 30 minutes and include singing, a call to worship, prayer, a condensed meditation on the day's passage, and a benediction. On June 21, 8:30 will still continue outside as one of two in-person options.

- Please park on the west side of HCC
- We are encouraging every member to bring a mask and wear it during the service; young children are welcome to come without a mask
- Please bring your own lawn chair or blanket and a printed order of worship
- Please continue to maintain social distancing and refrain from handshakes and hugging. Smiles and waves are still deeply appreciated
- Access to the building will be restricted- restrooms will be open
- This worship time will not be streamed or recorded.
- Can Pastor Jonathan really keep this to 30 minutes? Yes.

9:30 Worship Service- HCC Sanctuary- starting June 21

This service will take place at 9:30 a.m. and will be available on the Internet as well.

What will happen?

- We will gather at 9:30 to worship; this service will last between 45 and 55 minutes
- There will be no Sunday school, children's church, or nursery at this time
- We will not be having fellowship time afterwards- no refreshments or drinks or coffee will be available
- Congregational singing will take place

Where will this happen?

- There are many places to worship with us on Sunday morning
- The Sanctuary, Patterson Hall, and the Sun day school classrooms overlooking the Sanctuary will be open with limited capacity seating in each. The service will be simulcast to Patterson Hall on the tv's and screen.
- We would encourage your small group to consider gathering together for worship in one of your homes if being in a smaller, known group would make you feel more comfortable
- Individual or family worship remotely may still be the best option for many of you

Who will come?

- For gathered worship, we invite any who are not sick or considered at-risk for getting sick to join us. If you have any symptoms related to COVID-19 or have been in contact with someone exhibiting those symptoms, please remain at home.
- If being in a larger group indoors with some unknown people makes you uncomfortable or anxious, please consider worshipping with us at 8:30 outside or remotely
- Nursery will not be available, so families with young children may prefer the outdoor 8:30 service or to continue to worship remotely at this time

How will this take place?

- If you plan to worship with us, please take your temperature of all in your household to ensure you do not have a fever
- Our gathering spaces will be sanitized
- We strongly encourage you to wear a mask for the entire service. Young children are welcomed without a mask.
- We will have hand sanitizing stations in the narthex and by all restrooms to keep hands clean
- If singing or being around those who are singing makes you feel uncomfortable (for health reasons), we would encourage you to consider sitting in the back or in the upstairs Sunday school rooms
- All greeters and ushers will wear masks
- We will not be passing an offering plate or passing out bulletins. We strongly encourage you to bring your bulletins from home or have it ready on your smart phone
- Greeters will open the door for you and ushers will seat you by families and separated from other worshippers by no less than 6' apart from front to back
- Ushers will dismiss the congregation from back to front and by the nearest exit
- If you physically gather for worship, please visit and greet one another outside and not linger indoors
- Please maintain social distancing indoors and extend waves and 'air hugs' rather than handshakes and real hugs for the time being
- Because our space is limited, we will send out an invitation asking how you plan to join us for worship each week. Please respond to it.

A word about masks: We strongly encourage all who gather for in-person worship to wear masks. We realize for some it is uncomfortable, but it is a way to extend compassion and grace to those around us. It is a small way for us to not only look out for our own interests, but also to the interests of others (Phil. 2.4).

Why do we gather?

- The chief end of human kind is to glorify God and enjoy God forever. We were made for worship.
- We believe it is safe to come together in the way we outlined
- We want to make worship as available as possible in as many ways as we can so that we can grow together as the body of Christ.

In life and in death, we belong to God. Worship reminds us who we belong to and who is in control. As we gather to worship, it is a way we can speak to the world about where our trust is and who our hope is in the time of turmoil and chaos. Gathering for worship shines a light into a world walking in darkness and invites others to walk in God's marvelous light.

See you soon!

Jonathan