

FAQ for services in the Nave, as of April 11th

When will our Sunday services be held? We will have an indoor, in-person service in the Nave at 10:30 a.m. and an outdoor, in-person service in the courtyard at 1:00 p.m. every Sunday.

Will the services be live-streamed? The 10:30 a.m. service will be live-streamed on Facebook Live, YouTube, and our website. It will not be on Zoom. The 1:00 p.m. will not be recorded or live-streamed.

Will we have coffee hour? WILL WE HAVE DOUGHNUTS?!? Alas, we will not be having any food or drinks in our buildings for now. But with the beautiful weather this would be an ideal time to spill out onto the plaza or one of the gardens and talk to one another outside after church.

What about virtual coffee hour? Virtual coffee hour can still be held on Zoom. We'll have to see who still wants to attend in that way and who is willing to organize and host the Zoom meeting.

How is communion going to work? We will continue with the practice we've had since November, of offering communion in one kind only, and ask you to wait until you get back to your pew before removing your mask and consuming the sacrament. Alas, we will not be kneeling at the altar rail just yet.

How many people can come? 75

Do I have to register? Yes. If that's a technical problem for you, please be in touch and we'll be glad to help.

Do I have to be vaccinated? No, but do be vaccinated asap.

Where will I sit? We'll be asking each person or household to sit at least 6 feet apart from one another, and we'll be skipping every other pew. You may not be able to sit in your regular spot. Thanks for your flexibility!

Can we have other gatherings in the church (Sunday school, choir practice, committee meetings, etc.)? Not yet, but stay tuned. We're trying to go slow and not get ahead of ourselves.

Will we pass a collection plate? No, but we'll put a collection plate in the back and invite you to leave an offering before or after the service, or you may give online through our website.

What about readers, intercessors, eucharistic ministers, vergers, & acolytes? We'll be working to get those ministers scheduled as soon as possible but there may be a few bumpy spots. The exception is eucharistic ministers/chalice bearers. We won't need those roles filled just yet. Please show kindness and good humor to one another as we get back up and running.

What about ushers? The ministry of ushering is going to be extra important. If you're willing to join in and help, even if it's just for the next few weeks, please be in touch with Berkeley Boone (boone@htparish.com).

What about sign language interpreting? We plan to have interpreters at the 10:30 a.m. service.

What about the Chapel? We aren't quite ready to return to the Chapel because it is smaller, but I'm hoping it won't be much longer (also, I'm ready to resume Rite I worship!).

Do I have to wear my mask? Yes. Even if you are vaccinated, at this time we are asking everyone except babies to continue wearing masks.

What if I don't have a mask? We will have masks and hand sanitizer available for everyone who needs it.

What time are people allowed in? We won't be guarding the doors or anything, but it would be best if you planned to arrive no earlier than 10:20 a.m.

What about air ventilation? We don't have any special HEPA systems, but we have a very large room with very tall ceilings, and we will have the air system running the whole time and we plan to open the big red doors for maximum air circulation.

What if I'm not ready or comfortable to worship indoors or in-person yet? I totally understand and don't want anyone to feel pressured to do what they aren't ready to do. If worshipping outside suits you better, please do that. If staying home and worshipping online is better for you right now, please do that. BUT, please do remember that it is important for followers of Jesus to have a regular practice of worshipping together with your community of believers. It can look a lot of different ways now, but it should still be a priority for each of us.