

Worship At Messiah During COVID-19 (Version B)

What we are doing

1. Indoor service.
2. Surfaces pre-sanitized.
3. All necessary doors in building propped open. Exhaust fan turned on in sanctuary to keep air moving and to constantly bring fresh air in.
4. Hand sanitizer available (better yet, bring your own for family to limit contact).
5. Hand sanitizer and Clorox disinfecting wipes will be available for use in each rest room.
6. Bulletins passed out by usher with mask and gloves.
7. Complete service printed in bulletin. No hymnals necessary or available.
8. No congregational singing but words printed in bulletin. *Hymns will be sung to congregation by singers singing in a direction that is not directly pointing at congregation.
9. Offering plate will be placed out to receive offerings (not passed).
10. No handshakes.
11. Social distancing. Households may sit together.
12. Ushered out directly after the service. Please go outside. If you wish to socialize, do so outside with proper social distancing.
13. *Service livestreamed and posted to Facebook (on Sunday only) when possible for use by those uncomfortable with attending or unable to attend. The church Facebook can be found easily by searching for: @MELCCT
14. No formal fellowship or Bible Class following.
15. *Pastor will wear face mask before and after church but not during the service since to do so is impractical for officiating.
16. *Special Communion distribution practice. Social distancing to the greatest extent possible. Self-serve individual cups. Pastor with gloved hand drops wafer into communicant's extended hand. Distribution words are spoken with communicant and pastor social distanced. Other sanitation practices. Pastor will not be wearing a mask.

Encouragement

17. Those who feel they are at risk, or don't feel comfortable should stay home and participate online.

18. *Those who are not comfortable with the communion practice should not participate in Holy Communion. Private Communion is available if desired as time permits.
19. IMPORTANT!!! If you are feeling sick, have any symptoms, or feel you have good reason to believe you have been exposed to the virus please stay at home.

What we ask of you

20. It is requested that all service attendees wear masks/face coverings to the greatest extent possible. Please think of others.
21. When receiving bulletin from usher please wear mask and touch only your bulletin(s).
22. Do not return your bulletin. Take it home and dispose of it.
23. Once on the church grounds, social distancing (6 feet) should be maintained to the maximum extent possible (obviously, this need not apply to members of the same family group).
24. Please practice social distancing in where you sit. Six feet is an empty pew between you front and back and the equivalent of two chairs side to side. It is impossible for us to mark off seats with all the possible family combinations so please self-distance.
25. As pertains to the rest room facilities, in order to avoid close contact in the restrooms and hallway directly outside the rest rooms, please adhere to the following procedures:
 - a. Please limit occupancy in the men's and ladies rest rooms to one person at a time to the greatest extent possible.
 - b. Hand sanitizer and Clorox disinfectant wipes will be available for use in each rest room. Please be careful to use them.

Enjoy your opportunity to worship together during these unusual times.