



Letter #8 >> April 30, 2020

Dear children of our good, good Father,
the One who loves us, hears us, saves us, and meets our needs
according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus (see *Psalm 34:17-22* and *Philippians 4:19*),

After 6 weeks of worshipping at home, we are excited about reopening our doors to the congregation this Sunday! To abide by current regulations and best practices as well as to do our best to care for everyone's health and safety during this pandemic, here is how things will go on Sunday.

We will hold two morning services, one at **8:30am** and one at **10:30am**. They will be the **same service** with the same songs and the same message. The congregation is free to choose which service to attend. If you are in the high risk category for COVID-19 or other illnesses, we urge you to continue worshipping at home. **Our 10:30am service will be broadcast live on channel 77 and online.**

Council members and others will be stationed at our entrances to happily greet you and open the door for you when you arrive to minimize the number of surfaces you touch. Masks will not be provided nor required, but please wear one if you so desire.

We will encourage physical distancing before, during, and after the service. **You will be ushered in and out of the worship center by council members and other ushers.** Every other row will remain empty and we'll leave ample space between families. **We thank you in advance for your gracious cooperation** if you're asked to sit somewhere other than your usual spot. We'd like to avoid removing and stacking chairs and so ask the congregation not to sit in rows marked with "Do Not Enter" signs.

Please place your offerings in the marked boxes by the worship center entrances. You can, of course, continue to bring your gifts during the week, mail them, use online banking, or give online with Tithe.ly.

Following the service, please **avoid clustering in groups and instead leave promptly.** At this time we will not be serving coffee, providing a nursery service, or resuming our Sunday School and Children's Worship ministries.

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Another way we're attempting to prevent the spread of germs is by removing the books from the worship center. As usual, we will sing from words and music projected on the screen but **please bring your own Bible**, either in book form or on your smartphone.

We will hold and broadcast live our **6pm service** just as we did before the pandemic.

To be clear: This is an invitation to the congregation to gather for worship this Sunday and in no way a requirement, expressed or implied. You are welcome to continue watching our services on channel 77 or online until you judge it is appropriate for you to return in person.

We acknowledge that **this is new and different for all of us**. We look forward to returning to our usual practices for gathering and worshipping together. Until then, your council and staff respectfully ask for your cooperation as well as your patience, especially as we may need to reevaluate things and make adjustments as we go along based on how things go this Sunday and whether the pandemic continues to diminish. This continues to be a very fluid situation and things can still change on short notice.

We thank our worship leaders and media team who have been working extra hard to broadcast meaningful services into our homes and now face the challenge of leading two morning services for people both in the worship center and watching on screen. We also thank the congregation for the encouragement you've been giving us these past few weeks. Please continue to pray for God to give us wisdom as we navigate these unusual times and seek to care for the spiritual and physical health of each of you.

Shalom,

Trinity CRC Executive Team and Staff