

**Rock Family,**

**Since March 15th we have worshiped "together apart". It hasn't been what we are accustomed to (or preferred), but we believe that God has been exalted across our community and land. Worship services have taken place in many homes. God's Word has been proclaimed in living rooms, bedrooms, and kitchens. Families have had their first home worship experiences together. All reminding us that The Church is not a building! It is the people of God! Our God is so faithful to take what the enemy would use for evil and turn it for good!**

**It is now time to worship "together together!" We are excited to announce that SUNDAY, JUNE 7th will be THE ROCK FAMILY REUNION! The doors of The Rock will be open for The Church to worship corporately - LIVE! IN PERSON!**

**In coming back together, please be aware that opinions on when to reopen vary widely. From, "We never should have closed" to "How quickly can we reopen?" to "We need to wait a while longer" and everything in between. None of us have ever experienced a Pandemic before. Surely, none have had to decide on when or how to reopen the church doors in a Pandemic. So, it is vital that as we proceed we extend much grace. *Let's clothe ourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another***

*(even when we disagree). Above all, let's put on love, which binds all things together in perfect unity. (Colossians 3:12-14)*

**That's what family is about. Everyone looking out for one another. All taking care to respect differing views about distancing and all following the guidelines set forth for our corporate in-person live worship. We assure you that the health and safety of every member of our church family has been of paramount importance in every meeting, conversation and plan.**

**Here are the guidelines that we will be following in order to protect and guard all who attend:**

**Cleaning**- We are working hard to make sure that our facility is as clean as possible. The church buildings are being professionally cleaned and sanitized twice weekly. All high-touch surfaces are cleaned frequently and will be wiped down before, during and following our services.

**Distancing**- In order to provide for distancing, as outlined in CDC guidelines, we are roping off every other row in the Sanctuary. Families may sit in seats next to each other. Please leave three seats between you and the next family. If attendance necessitates, we will have the Multi-purpose room set up and the service will be live-streamed in that space.

**Precautions** -

- 1) **Hand sanitizer** will be abundant in our buildings. Feel free to use it as often as you need.
- 2) **Masks** are encouraged, but not required. If you need a mask, we will have disposable masks available for you to wear.
- 3) **Greeting** will be hands-free. All greeters will wear masks and will refrain from shaking hands and hugging.

**Offering** - We will forego the passing of offering plates. An offering collection box will be available in the foyer. You may also continue to give online and by mail. We are beyond grateful for your generosity and faithful support.

**Family Worship**- We will not be having Children's Church or Nursery Care at this time. Please use your best judgment as to whether your children should attend. They are certainly welcome in the service. We ask that you keep your children with you at all times.

**Exiting**- At the conclusion of the service, please exit in an orderly manner paying special attention to those who are attempting to leave with minimal interaction. There are three exits to our Sanctuary - two at the back and one on the Baptistry side of the Sanctuary. We ask that you not congregate in the foyer. It is not large enough to accommodate while allowing for distancing. We know that everyone is going to want to visit and catch up with each other. Feel free to do so in the parking lot where there is room to safely converse.

**Continued Live-streaming** - While our hearts long to see each of you - we have missed you something fierce - we know that there are some who should not attend for health reasons and some who will choose to wait a while before returning. We will miss all who can't be in attendance. You can be certain that we will be excitedly awaiting to welcome all with air hugs and great big smiles! The service will continue to be live-streamed on our YouTube Channel and on our Facebook page for those who cannot attend in person.

**Here's what we are asking of you:**

**In order to protect yourself and others:**

***Please stay home and worship online if you have had any of the following symptoms in the week prior to the service:***

- Fever above 100 degrees
- Cough or sore throat
- Shortness of breath
- Experienced new loss of taste or smell
- Experienced vomiting or diarrhea

***or if you:***

- Have had contact with anyone confirmed to have COVID-19 in the past 14 days
- Consider yourself to be in the risk category for COVID-19

Oh, church family, we continue to lift you up to the Father. What a privilege is ours to talk to Jesus about you. Please pray for your

Elder team and staff as we seek God's face in all things. To Him be all glory and honor!

We sure do love you,

Monty and Kim