



Emmanuel Community United Methodist Church

Imitating Christ Together

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COVENANT OF CARE

1. RSVP is required. Keeping everyone physically distant limits our capacity to about 60 people. Each Monday a new Sign-Up Genius link will be available on our website (www.EC-UMC.com). Enter your name and contact information and the number in your party. If you prefer, you may call the church office (262-251-3830) and leave the same information and our Administrative Assistant will add your name to the online registration. The overflow crowd will have to join the service online for that week. If demand regularly exceeds capacity, we may add a second service.

2. Face masks are required for everyone in the building except for those with a medical exemption or under the age of 3. If you are unable to wear a mask, please consider carefully whether in-person worship is the right decision at this time. Remember that the online service is still available for you.

Staff and worship leaders will wear face masks except when speaking, singing, or playing an instrument.

There are a limited number of face masks available to be distributed if you do not have one. If you take a cloth mask, please keep it to wear the next time you return.

Science supports that wearing a mask is one of the most important actions we can take to care for one another. The service will be immediately concluded with a Benediction if there are difficulties maintaining the mask requirement.

3. Ushers will seat the congregation according to the church's physical distancing plan. You will not have a choice of pew or location.

4. Families must stay together. No Nursery care or Sunday School is available.

5. Greeters will take your temperature as you enter, using touchless thermometers. Anyone with a temperature over 100.5 F will need to worship online that day.

6. You must enter using the main parking lot double doors. Entrance through the carport or Celebration Hall doors will not be permitted. Please maintain physical distancing

while you wait to enter the building. Ushers will begin seating and worshippers may enter the building between 10:15 and 10:40 AM for the 10:30 AM service.

Following the service, ushers will direct you to an exit door. Those desiring to be picked up at the carport should request seating on the left (organ) side of the aisle and remain in their pew until everyone else has exited.

7. Please avoid using the church restroom by using the facilities before coming to church. The restroom will be monitored and sanitized between each use.
8. Hand sanitizer will be available for use upon entering and leaving the building
9. Elements of the worship service will be different and the service will be shorter.
 - Special music will be offered, but there will not be congregational singing.
 - A liturgist will lead prayers and read scripture, but responses and unison speaking will be reduced.
 - Pastor Jerome Sahabandhu will deliver a sermon and there will be a pastoral prayer. There will not be a collection of prayer cards, but you may bring your joy/concern on a piece of paper to place in a basket before entering the Sanctuary. These will be lifted up during worship. Alternatively, you may deliver your prayer request to the church office by phone or email for inclusion in the basket.
 - Offering plates will be in the narthex, not passed among the pews.
 - There will not be bulletins or attendance pads; instead we will utilize the video screens and the ushers will record attendance according to the Sign-Up Genius list. A phone number is required for all households in case contact tracing is needed.
 - Hymnals and Bibles have been removed from the pews, but you may bring your own Bible.
10. Communion will be offered using individual, prepackaged kits, starting in the fall.
11. There will not be fellowship time or refreshments. Everyone will be expected to leave the building immediately at the end of the service.