

Guidelines for In-Person Worship at Ravenswood UCC

As Ravenswood UCC prepares to resume in-person worship, the church wants to communicate clearly with our members and friends. The guidelines below describe the worship environment we will establish, and specify the expectations we have for those who come to worship with us. We ask that all persons abide by these guidelines as an expression of love of neighbor and love of God. Your physical AND spiritual health are important to us!

Facilities

- The church will instruct Coverall Cleaning Services to clean and disinfect the church on Saturdays to ensure a sanitary environment for Sunday worship.
- The bathrooms will be open and stocked with antibacterial soap, paper towels, Clorox wipes and hand sanitizer. We will ask all visitors to thoroughly wash hands and to wipe down surfaces after individual use.

Sunday Morning Worship

- ***In-person and Online Worship:*** When we gather in person, the services will be broadcast online so that those who are not comfortable gathering in person, and those in our community from outside of Chicago, may continue to participate in our worship.
- ***Health Screen:*** All those coming to worship in-person will be asked to self-screen for health and well-being. If you have a fever, or other symptoms of COVID-19, we ask that you STAY HOME and worship with us online.
- ***Masks Optional for Vaccinated Persons:*** If you are vaccinated, the choice to wear a mask is yours. Extra masks and hand sanitizer will be available for those who need them.
- ***Physical Distancing:*** Physical distancing of six feet will be expected for all participants. When we worship outside, chairs and blankets will be spaced out throughout the courtyard. When we worship inside, every other pew will be closed and we ask that people spread out to maintain six feet of physical distance.
- ***No-Touch Worship Rituals:***
 - Electronic and printed bulletins will be available with hymns printed inside. No use of hymnals
 - Pass the peace with a wave and a bow. No hugs or handshakes, please.
 - Children's moment will take place with children in pews.
 - Offering plates will be not be passed. There will be a box for offerings in the back of the church for people to deposit envelopes and gifts.
 - Communion packets will be available for the Lord's Supper or individuals may bring their own elements from home.
- ***Children and Families:*** We ask that children stay seated with their family during worship. If you need to take a break outside of the sanctuary during worship or choose to worship online, you are no less a part of our church family!

Fellowship

- After worship, people are welcome to exchange greetings or enjoy a snack together. We ask that you bring your own snack from home and honor the guidelines of six feet of physical distance.

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