

River of Hope COVID Safety Plan

In consultation with the River Table and the River of Hope COVID Folding Table we will begin in person worship at the Hutchinson Event Center on Sunday, September 13, 2020. In person worship will be at 10:30 am. A recording of worship will be available by 1:00 pm of the same Sunday on either the River of Hope webpage or Facebook for those who wish to continue worshipping virtually.

The Minnesota Department of Health and the CDC has given guidelines for faith-based organizations on meeting safely. River of Hope will follow these guidelines:

- **Stay home when you are sick** – If you have had a fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, congestion, sore throat, headache, muscle pain, fatigue or loss of smell and taste, nausea, vomiting or diarrhea please seek medical assistance immediately and refrain from attending in person worship.
- **All people will be required to wear masks.** You will be greeted at the door by a familiar face who, if you need one, will also have a mask for you to wear if you have forgotten yours. No worries! We have plenty! There will be a list of the symptoms posted with the greeters for you to confirm that you are feeling well.
- **After being greeted** there will be a table for name tags. After you complete your name tag, please write your name on the tablet provided. We will need to keep a record of who is worshipping each day so that we need follow up with people in case someone becomes ill. There will be a River of Hope cup with clean pens for you to use. After you make your name tag and sign in, please place the pen in the other cup.
- **We will have one-way traffic (like Wal-Mart!)** so everyone will enter the worship space from the south doors and exit through the west doors.
- **An usher will greet you at the door** and hand you communion supplies and then escort you to a pod of chairs for your family group. There will be stacks of extra chairs on the side of the room if your group has more than the chairs in the pod. We will not have bulletins. All the words will be on the screen. If you would like to read a bulletin one will be emailed to your home and you can print at home or read from your phone.
- **There will not be a “pray ground”.** Please feel free to bring some items from home that can keep your child busy during worship! Of course, the hallways of the Event Center will still make terrific running space!
- **We will be singing** while wearing masks.
- **The only time people might need to move during worship will be during offering and milestones.** The offering globes will be placed on the stage. You can place your offering during the offering time. There will be a microphone near the stage for you to use during Milestones. Please come forward one family at a time.
- **Unfortunately, we are not able to provide coffee.** Feel free to bring your own coffee!
- **Whenever you are moving around,** please be sure to stay physically distanced.
- **At all times,** practice good hygiene: cover coughs and sneezes and wash hands often.
- **The capacity for worship services** will be limited to 250 people, or 25% capacity of the Event Center.
- **For anyone not comfortable with in person worship,** the recording of the worship service will be available by 1 pm on the same day and can be watched any time on Facebook or our web site.
- **Anyone involved in leadership** positions on Sunday morning will be trained in this COVID safety plan.
- **The staff of the Event Center** will be cleaning and sanitizing the facility at regular intervals while River of Hope is present during worship.