

## River of Hope COVID Safety Plan

As River of Hope continues to gather for in person worship at the Hutchinson Event Center on Sunday mornings at 10:30 am, the River Table and the River of Hope COVID Folding Table have met to discuss safety guidelines for our community in these weeks ahead.

A recording of worship will be viewed during our worship service for June 13<sup>th</sup> and June 20<sup>th</sup>, and an outdoor worship service will take place on June 27<sup>th</sup>. The worship recording will also be available on YouTube at any time or Facebook Premiere at 10:30am for those who wish to continue worshipping virtually.

In consultation with the Minnesota Department of Health and the CDC guidelines for faith-based organizations on meeting safely, and in hearing feedback from you as a congregation, the River Table shares with you the following 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.
- **People can choose to wear masks. It is strongly encouraged for those who are not yet vaccinated to wear a mask.** You will be greeted at the door by a familiar face who, if you need one, will also have masks available if you would like one. 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.
- **An usher will greet you at the door** and hand you communion supplies. (Please note that during communion time, you will take communion at your seats and a bowl will be passed around the congregation to collect empty cups).
- **If you or your household desire to sit in a pod of chairs for your family group, please let an usher know and they will assist you.** At this time, we will not have bulletins as all the words will be on the screen. If you would like to read a bulletin you will be able to access the copy found on our website from your phone.
- **At this time, 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!
- **The only time people might need to move during worship will be during offering, prayer request, 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 Prayer Requests and Milestones. Please come forward one family at a time.
- **Currently, we are not providing coffee.** Feel free to bring your own coffee!
- **At all times, practice good hygiene:** cover coughs and sneezes and wash hands often.
- **For anyone not comfortable with in person worship,** the recording of the worship service will be available on YouTube at any time, and on Facebook Premiere at 10:30am.
- **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 while River of Hope is present during worship.

Thank you again for your patience as we lean into this next stage of life together.

We look forward to gathering as beloved community for worship in these weeks ahead.