

COVID-19 PLANS FOR CHURCH-SPONSORED GATHERINGS

Summer into fall 2021

Like you, we are so eager to return to in-person ministry at the church. As we monitor state and local health guidelines, the Executive Team's decisions about how we open the church building will be grounded in values of equity, inclusion, consent, and the well-being of an interdependent community. Knowing that we will never be able to eliminate all the risk from Covid-19, we will make decisions in the best interest of all and with care and attention to those most impacted by the disease.

Beginning June 1, we will move forward with in-person gatherings at the church for fully vaccinated groups, within limited building hours. Please contact Laura Park (laura@unityunitarian.org, 651-228-1456 x110) if you wish to reserve space and she will walk you through the process. *We expect our guidelines for in-person gatherings to change as we respond to the changing reality. Please watch for ongoing updates.*

We currently hope to return to in-person worship on September 12, 2021, for the *Merging of Waters* services at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. We will also make reasonable accommodations for those unable to participate in person. We will continue to livestream our services and offer online and in-person options to our families to participate in Religious Education, based on how widely vaccines are available to children.

As we remember the joy of being together in community, we are beginning to gradually return to in-person opportunities. This is complex and challenging work with many moving parts, and as a faith community, we will make our way with care and compassion for one another leading the way.

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