

## Guidelines For Outdoor Worship June 8, 2020

1. All participants and leaders must wear face masks
2. Worship leaders and performers are exempt from wearing face masks as long as they are 12 feet from the nearest person, including other leaders and performers.
3. Determination of seating/standing capacity of 25% in the outdoor venue (or up to 150 persons).
4. Even though special music would be allowed (above), no congregational singing would be allowed.
5. Seating and/or standing must observe social distancing of six feet apart, excluding family members.
6. Hand sanitizer must be made available at significant places throughout the venue.
7. A plan will need to be developed for access to restroom facilities. Any indoor spaces utilized will need to be sanitized and prepared ahead of time.
8. An entrance/exit plan will need to be determined.
9. Provisions for online worship should be maintained. Determination of whether this is provided apart from the outdoor service or as a part of the outdoor service must be determined.
10. The same requirements for indoor worship is applicable for outdoor venues:
  - a. Chairs/seating arrangement must be sanitized after each use.
  - b. Persons above age 65, in vulnerable categories, and with pre-existing conditions should be encouraged to remain at home.
  - c. Holy Communion (other than with pre-made, self-service cups) and services of Baptism are not permitted.
  - d. No touch limitations must be honored:**
    - i. Passing the Peace
    - ii. Collection of the offering
    - iii. Use of Ushers/Greeters
    - iv. Use of printed materials
    - v. No use of hymnbooks
    - vi. No altar calls or laying on of hands
    - vii. No after-service refreshments/fellowship hours
11. Great care will need to be exercised in the planning of shorter services.
12. Keeping attendance (with contact information if possible) in case someone contracts the virus and maintaining a checklist which keeps record of the advance preparation done prior to the service is required.
13. In case of inclement weather, the sanctuary will need to be prepared in advance.
14. Compliance with the reopening guidelines must be met and certification by the District Superintendent must be approved prior to conducting the first service.
15. These guidelines are inclusive of other groups utilizing our facilities.