

## In-Person Worship, Starting Sunday, February 28

The pandemic numbers have subsided to the point where we're ready to welcome you to join in worship inside our building at 42<sup>nd</sup> & Ashworth! We've mentioned previously what some of the guidelines will be. Here's a handy reference to all the pieces:

- We will all enter and exit through the *east* doors, under the carport.
- Wear a mask, covering nose and mouth, at all times inside the building. If you arrive without one, you can receive one at the door.
- Maintain a distance of six feet from persons beyond your household. We will have to wait for the hugs and handshakes we all wish we could share.
- We have marked our rows to show where you may be seated, at least six feet from other persons. An usher will seat you in a space that fits the size of your party. Once seated, please remain there. Ushers will dismiss you by row at the end of the worship service.
- We will be invited to sing and speak together, for now, only at a "whisper."
- Our offering will be collected in a bowl near the exit doors.
- The bathrooms will be open for one person (or household) at a time.
- We will not share fellowship time or food in the building. On Communion Sundays, we will distribute the consecrated elements at the close of the service for you to consume outside the building.
- Our ushers will keep a list of who is present in person. Don't be surprised if someone asks your name, especially as masks make it hard to be sure!
- If you attend worship and test positive for COVID-19 within ten days, please notify the church office.

Sunday School for youth and adults will continue only on Zoom for now, starting at 10:30. We will try to keep worship to about 45 minutes in order to accommodate travel time.

Please note: In order to limit the risk of transmission through touch, we do not plan to hand out paper bulletins on Sunday mornings. A copy is always attached to our Thursday e-mails, or you can get it online (at [valleyumc.org](http://valleyumc.org), at the "Current Events" tab), and you're welcome to print one out and bring it. If you have a Smartphone, you can scan the QR Code near the entrance and access it that way, if you wish. You can follow readings and songs through projected words. We will be asking your feedback on how this is working in a few weeks.

Finally, ***OUR LIVESTREAM CONTINUES***. You'll find us on YouTube at 9 a.m. where we've been for months, so all can participate in worship whether or not you're in the building. Each of us will be assessing our own risks and willingness to join in person, and we will honor one another's decisions. And we'll all look forward to the day when everything we've said here is part of our memories of this strange and complicated season we're living through.

Questions? Please be in touch with Pastor Lee or Sheila Madson in the church office.