

## In-Person Worship, Revised Guidelines effective 5/19/2021

With updated guidance from the CDC, we are lifting the requirement that all persons must be masked while in our building at 42<sup>nd</sup> & Ashworth. Here's how we'll proceed (**changed items are in BOLD**):

- **All individuals who are unvaccinated or not yet two weeks out from their last shot will wear a mask, covering nose and mouth, at all times when they are inside the building. If you arrive without one, you can receive one at the door.**
- **Masks are optional for those already fully vaccinated.**
- **Anyone who prefers to wear a mask, even if fully vaccinated, is welcome to do so.**
- **Both our upper and lower doors will now be open** for entry to and exit from worship.
- We will continue to maintain a distance of six feet from persons beyond your household, and hold off from hugs and handshakes with one another.
- We will maintain seating in every other row. Please leave open the rows that are marked with an X and choose a seat in the unmarked rows, six feet from persons in other households.
- 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.
- On Communion Sundays, for now we will continue to distribute the consecrated elements at the close of the service for you to consume outside the building.
- **Coffee (but not other refreshments, for now), will be available on Sundays if and when someone brews it (and cleans it up!). No other refreshments will be included in fellowship time inside the building for now.**
- Our ushers will keep a list of who is present in person.
- If you attend worship and test positive for COVID-19 within ten days, please notify the church office.
- We are not handing out paper bulletins, but you can download a copy that is attached to our Thursday e-mails, or online at [valleyumc.org](http://valleyumc.org) at the "Current Events" tab, or, if you have a Smartphone, you can scan the QR Code at our entrance or on- screen and access it that way. We project all words for reading and singing during worship.

Finally, **OUR LIVESTREAM CONTINUES**. You'll find us on YouTube at 9 a.m., 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 Madsen in the church office.