



Union Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Dear Church Family,

Worship services will be offered September 6 through October 25 in the following manners:

- 9:00 AM Sunday outdoor worship services;
- Virtual worship services found on our website at www.ulclv.org;
- Call 610-885-8237 to listen to Worship Services;
- Wednesday devotions found on our website: www.ulclv.org.

We are constantly monitoring the Covid-19 virus data and will announce future worship schedules.

There appears to be no way to ensure that individuals have zero risk of Covid-19 infection, so it is important to understand the risks reported by various public health sources, and know how (based on available guidance) to be as safe as possible. In general, the more people one interacts with, the more closely one interacts with others, and the longer that interaction occurs, the higher the risk of contracting and spreading Covid-19.

Research finds that patients were 19 times more likely to catch the virus indoors, compared to an open-air environment. Considering this finding, along with the Pennsylvania guideline limiting 25 or fewer people meeting in an indoor environment, we have decided to continue our current worship service formats.

As this congregation begins to resume public activities, please know that we will do so through a careful process of discussion and discernment, with an abundance of caution and concern for those who are most vulnerable, upon consideration of the best scientific knowledge at our disposal, in the spirit of constant prayer, and with full trust in the grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit.

We may make mistakes along the way. There will surely be awkward moments as we adjust to new protocols and practices. There will be times of frustration, disappointment, and grief. We will have countless opportunities to exercise the spiritual gifts of patience, kindness, gentleness, and self-control.

But there will also be blessings. There will be wonderful surprises, great celebrations, and moments of deep satisfaction. We will get to see glimpses of the new thing God is doing, even now. We will have opportunities to savor the spiritual gifts of love, joy, peace, generosity, and faithfulness.

Let us be faithful, then—to God and to one another—as we receive the gifts and work through the challenges of this time in the life of our congregation and world. Let us be guided by the Word, responsive to the Spirit, and open to the grace of God. Let us remember that nothing can separate us from God's love in Christ Jesus.

In Christ,

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