

September 6 Bulletin

Important Note to the Congregation

Welcome back! It is good to be together again, isn't it? While it feels good to worship alongside friends once again, it is important to remember that things will not be "normal" for quite some time. Until then, we appreciate your patience and willingness to "roll with the punches." Because your well-being is our #1 commitment, the following COVID-19 safety protocols have been implemented for our Sunday worship.

1. Attendance is limited to a maximum of 50 worshipers at any given service. If we find we need to add another service, we will do so.
2. Worshipers are required to "Savior Seat" (save your seat) during the week leading up to the service. This can be done either online (www.phfumc.org) or by calling the church office.
3. Every person attending the indoors in-person worship is required to wear a face covering/mask. The church will provide a disposable facemask for anyone who does not have one.
4. Upon entering the building, everyone will be asked to sanitize their hands, after which they will be directed to one of the outside aisles for immediate seating.
5. Seating is in every third pew (2 empty pews between). Ushers will direct worshipers to their pew, beginning at the front and working their way towards the rear of sanctuary. You may or may not end up in your 'usual' pew 😊.
6. Non-family members are asked to keep at least 6 feet of distance from others in the same pew.
7. Until group singing is considered safe, worship will not include congregational singing.
8. The narthex restrooms are open and may be utilized by one person at a time. The sign on the door will indicate if the restroom is available or in use.
9. At the close of worship, worshipers will be guided out of the sanctuary beginning in the back and working forward.
10. Upon dismissal, worshipers are asked to immediately exit the building. Socializing (wearing masks, of course!) is encouraged to take place in the parking lot!

Prelude "Spirit of God" arr. by Brian Glyncannon

Call to Worship Becca Hill

L: God comes into a world filled with uncertainties and darkness.

P: God seeks out the voids of belief and conviction.

L: God embraces the wounded and broken.

P: God knocks down the walls of division and strife.

L: God is the candle shining in the darkness of our days.

P: God is the light of our lives.

L: God is the one who makes all things new.

P: Praise be to God, now and forevermore!

Hymn "For the Healing of the Nations" UMH #428

Gathering Prayer Becca Hill

Loving God, whose touch can heal the broken places of life, touch us today.

God of peace, whose spirit of peace can quiet our spirits of confusion and despair, reassure us today.

Forgiving God, whose call to repentance promises grace upon grace, place your mercy in our souls today.

praise God's name with dance; let them sing God's praise with the drum and lyre!

⁴ Because the LORD is pleased with his people, God will beautify the poor with saving help.

⁵ Let the faithful celebrate with glory; let them shout for joy on their beds.⁶ Let the high praises of God be in their mouths and a double-edged sword in their hands,⁷ to get revenge against the nations and punishment on the peoples,⁸ binding their rulers in chains and their officials in iron shackles,⁹ achieving the justice written against them. That will be an honor for all God's faithful people. Praise the LORD!

Message

"Praises and Swords"

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Give & Offertory

"He Turned My Desert into a Garden"

Pearl Swanson, solo

By John W. Peterson

Holy Communion

After Pastor Drew serves Communion to those in the sanctuary he will immediately move to the portico outside where people may drive up and receive the elements through their vehicle windows.

*Postlude

"Communion Medley"