

## **Seeking to Keep Trinity Safe With Outdoor Worship**

The Seeking to Keep Trinity Safe Task Force trusts that if everyone who attends our outdoor worship services keeps these common sense recommendations and requirements there will be less of a chance for us to catch or spread Covid-19, while still being able to worship our God in community. There will be some general information given in this document and a Q & A document about what to expect when we worship outdoors together. A chief teaching of our faith is “Love the Lord with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind” and the second is like it, “Love your neighbor as yourself.”

- + **Do No Harm.** If you are not feeling well or healthy, please stay home. It does not demonstrate your love for your neighbor if you are going risk spreading a cold, the flu, or the corona virus.
- + **Keep safe.** Only you know your health history. If you are in a high-risk category, please consider refraining from outdoor worship.
- + **Information gathered.** When you walk toward the church building you will be met by one of our ushers. They will ask you your name and phone number. You and everyone in your family will be asked as well. (This is for contact tracing purposes.) They will ask:
  1. Have you or anyone in your household had any of the following symptoms in the last 21 days: sore throat, cough, chills, body aches for unknown reasons, shortness of breath for unknown reasons, loss of smell, loss of taste, fever at or greater than 100 degrees Fahrenheit?
  2. Have you tested ‘positive’ for COVID-19, or are you awaiting test results?
  3. Have you or anyone in your household traveled out of the state of Florida (including cruise ships) in the past 21-days?
  4. 4. To the best of your knowledge have you been in close proximity to any individual who tested positive for COVID-19?
- + **Mask wearing will be mandatory.** If you are unable to wear a mask due to medical reasons, stay home, your health is too fragile to participate in large group gatherings. If you are unwilling to wear a mask, stay home, as this does not demonstrate that you love your neighbor. If you forget your mask Trinity will provide one for you.
- + **Correctly wearing the mask will be mandatory.** If people can see the tip of your nose you are not wearing your mask correctly and will be asked to “Cover your nose with the mask, please.” Persistent refusal to wear your mask properly will move us to ask you to leave.

- + **No hugs, handshakes, or other touching will be allowed.** We know you are eager to see your siblings in Christ, your friends and neighbors, but this breaks the physical distancing requirement that helps to keep Trinity safe.
- + **Physical distancing will be mandatory.** There will be places marked off out in the front parking lot where you will be able to set up your lawn chair. Those spots will be distanced from the next individual/family by 6 feet. As you move through from parking your car to going through the building, you will also need to keep a minimum of 6 ft. from those in front of you, behind you, and to your sides.
- + **Hand-sanitizer will be available.**
- + **Remember, the goal is to worship as fully as we can while seeking to keep everyone as safe as we can.** If we do this well, we can continue to do this. Our Lord taught us that “Whoever can be trusted with very little, can also be trusted with much.” (Luke 16:10) If we cannot do this safely, we will not do this at all. We must seek to keep our neighbors safe.
- + **Holy Communion will not be available initially.** Let us get through the logistics of getting people from the back parking lot to the front parking lot, including the gathering of information, making sure everyone has masks, that people are maintaining physical distance both as they walk to and from the two parking lots but also during worship. Once we know what this will actually look like, then we will be able to discern when we will be able to safely begin to commune again.
- + **Bathrooms will not be readily available.** If it is an emergency, the bathrooms in the fellowship hall will be available. But we are trying to keep our time at the church very brief so that we hope you will not need to use one.
- + **After the service...** We will dismiss people from the back to the front, so that we do not get people needing to walk past others. When you leave we prefer that you do not congregate in the back parking lot, but leave quickly and orderly.

We hope that we can do this in a way that proclaims the good news that each individual is created in the image of God and is absolutely precious. If God views each one of us and our neighbors as precious then it obligates us to view our neighbors as precious, too. If our neighbors are precious, we will do everything in our power to help keep people safe.