

September 2020

Dear People of Trinity,

It is time. After many months of participating in Sunday services from our homes, while in our cars, or while sitting in our lawn chairs, we will once again open our sanctuary for in-person worship on **Sunday, September 27th**. Some of you are unsure about gathering in a group, and that's ok. We hope that if you cannot yet join us, you will continue to enjoy our service on WHTC, Facebook Live, or via live stream on your computer. Some of you have been anxiously waiting to "come inside" the sanctuary, to see one another and be in community once again. It will be good to see your faces (or at least your eyes) when we come together!

The past few months of *Connections* have outlined the safety steps that are being taken as we find ourselves still in the middle of a pandemic. If you are not familiar with our COVID-19 updates or the "10 Commitments," please visit our website at www.trinityrc.org and click on the COVID-19 update to better understand what Sunday mornings will look like.

Masks are required the entire time you are in the building, and hand sanitizer will be located just inside the front doors as well as at the entrance of the sanctuary. After entering, the greeters will gladly usher you to your seats in order to assure proper distancing. Please let the usher know how many are in your group (whether family group or those in your "safe group") so that we can maximize our seating arrangement. After the service, our greeters will usher you outside the building where you are welcome to fellowship with one another.

Yes, there are lots of changes, but if we work together, Trinity can once again be a safe place to gather.

And please, please, please... if you are feeling ill or anyone in your household is ill, please stay home. If you have been exposed to the Corona Virus, we also ask that you refrain from attending until given the ok by your doctor to return.

Finally, on Sunday, October 18th we will hold our Annual Congregational Meeting following the 9:30 service. If you are unable to attend due to COVID-19 concerns but have questions or comments, you are welcome to send a note to the church or via email to Pastor Deb at deb@trinityrc.org. Consistory will address your questions either at the congregational meeting or through follow-up correspondence.

We ask for your continued prayers, not only for Trinity Church, but for those churches around the globe who are faced with similar challenges. Continue to pray that we put other people's needs before our own in order to love well. Pray that, although church may look different, the church is not a building. *WE* are the church. We are indeed a unique group of people called by God, anointed, gifted, empowered, and sent by the Holy Spirit to go and show others who Jesus is. This is our ongoing act of worship!

Grace and Peace,

Your Consistory and Staff