

**CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION
RETURN TO IN-PERSON WORSHIP
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

When can we return to in-person worship?

Unless we receive other instructions from our bishop, in-person worship resumes on Sunday, July 26th at 9 AM. We will worship outside under the porte cochere, spilling out into the parking lot and back lot as needed. On future Sundays, our outdoor worship location will move to the prayer garden as we install a stronger wireless access point for live streaming the service to worshippers at home.

Will all services be held?

On July 26th, we will hold one service – Morning Prayer, Rite II at 9:00 AM outside in the parking lot. We will continue this schedule for several weeks. We will work towards creative ways to have Holy Eucharist and multiple services.

Can I still stay home and participate in the service?

Online worship continues, with live-streaming on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Church-of-the-Resurrection-Episcopal-257353935544/>

Are there any restrictions about who can come to church?

Everyone is welcome to come to church!

Should I come to church or continue to participate online?

If you are in an at-risk category or have concerns about your health or safety, or the health and safety of the people in your household, you are encouraged to consider continuing to worship from home, through our online offerings. We love you and want you to do what is best for you and those you love!

What will our return to in-person worship look like?

Because COVID-19 continues to be a daily reality, Bishop Waldo has issued guidelines to keep us all safe. At least for a season, in-person worship will look and feel different from the worship to which we are accustomed. The entire service will be in printed in the bulletin.

What's the covenant that I will have to sign?

A copy of the covenant will be available and everyone must sign it before worship begins. The covenant states that you will wear your mask the entire service and stay 10 feet apart from people that are not members of your family.

How many people can come to church with the distancing guidelines?

At this time, we will not be limiting attendance. This may change as we adjust to our new normal.

How will the seating process work?

Ushers and the Vestry will assist with seating. A spot will be marked off for you and your family. A distance of no less than ten feet should be maintained between family units.

Will people be wearing masks?

As required by diocesan guidelines, we will all wear masks while at The Church of the Resurrection, except for children under the age of 2. No exceptions otherwise.

What should I bring and wear?

Please bring a chair, water, and a mask. We will have extras of all of these items on hand if you don't have them.

What will the bathroom situation be? Can we go in the actual church?

The bathrooms directly behind the porte cochere will be open. The rest of the church will be locked and we ask that you do not go inside.

What about music?

We will be singing, but there will be no choir. We will be making a joyful noise through our masks!

How do I make my offering?

Because we will not be able to pass the offering plates, plates will be available. The work of the church continues, so please give generously.

What about my children?

Children of all ages are welcome in church, as always. We will not initially offer childcare. Children's worship bulletins with activities and pencils will be offered to children as they arrive. Our littlest ones will be offered books and toys (that have been thoroughly sanitized) or may bring their own.

What about Sunday School?

Classes will resume in September

What do you mean "live-streamed?"

Those at home will encounter worship live alongside those gathered at Church of the Resurrection.

I have watched the previous live-streams but I had some technological issues. What can I do? Several parishioners reported a sound quality issue, and we are working diligently to correct it from our end. Other parishioners reported that the live-stream froze at times. Freezing comes from your internet connection. If the freezing persists, please check with your internet provider about solutions. Also know that the live-stream is retained as a recorded video on the website. You can always watch it after the 9:00 service. The recorded video may stream with no problems.

What if it rains?

If it rains, in person worship will be cancelled and the service will be streamed online.