

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This Sunday, July 12, is a special day for our congregation! We will be returning to worship, albeit in a new way. Our first Drive-In worship service will begin at 9:00 am. Please park your car on the street in front of, or to the side of, the church. Mill Street will provide the best view, so you will want to use both sides of that street.

I will be leading the service from the landing outside the front doors of the church. Nalani will be transmitting music with the aid of a new, and improved, CD player. There will be outside speakers and the sound will be carried via a radio transmitter. The transmitter will allow you to tune-in to a frequency on your car radio that we will provide for you. (Nalani will let you know the frequency when we receive that information.)

We will have communion! The liturgy will include recorded music that you can sing inside your cars. I will lead communion, and then one person will distribute it to each car. Please extend your arm outside the window to receive the sandwich bag(s) that contain(s) the individual communion cup(s) and wafer(s) for everyone in your car. Communion includes an individual cup of wine with a tear-off lid and a wafer. You will need to be careful peeling off the lid to prevent spillage.

We ask that you remain in your cars, utilizing your air conditioner or other options to stay cool. If you have a personal, battery-operated fan that you can hang around your neck, that could be an easy and comfortable choice! You could also wet a towel, wring it out at home, place it in a plastic bag, and then put the towel around your neck when you arrive, to keep yourself cool. Another option would be to wrap a towel around a freezer pack and hold that to the back of your neck.

We are aware that some persons may choose not to attend, because they are in a high risk category and perhaps have underlying health conditions. We will continue to send sermons and bulletins via email or regular mail, to those of you unable to attend. We are also aware that some persons attending could be asymptomatic or pre-symptomatic. That means that they are not yet exhibiting signs of having COVID-19 (pre-symptomatic), or may never exhibit signs (asymptomatic), but they have the virus. We will be trying to make the service as safe as possible for everyone in attendance! By remaining in your cars, you will help keep yourself and others' safe.

This Sunday provides an opportunity for us to worship together, again. Please join us for this special time, as we gather as brothers and sisters in Christ, thanking God for our baptism, hearing God's word, partaking of communion, and experiencing God's grace and love.

Peace,

Pastor Cathy

