

School is OUT, Church is IN, and Masks are OPTIONAL!!!!

We've been waiting a LONG TIME to take our masks off in church and actually SEE one another—and the time is here!!!

Given the CDC recommendations and the advice of Celebration's very own medical professionals (including John Schultz, Whitney Kaucher, and Christy Haas Howard, as well as former member, Ross Kedl), as well as the decreasing Covid rates in Colorado and the widespread availability of the vaccine, we've concluded that it's time for us to "return to normal*."

***What does this mean?**

1. Starting Sunday, May 30th, MASKS ARE OPTIONAL. We encourage you to review the Colorado Department of Health's mask suggestions but ultimately, we leave the wearing of a mask to your personal discretion and level of comfort.

2. NO MORE RSVPS—You no longer need to RSVP to attend a Sunday service—just show up!! We will still accommodate for social distancing in how we arrange the chairs for the time being.

3. WORSHIP SERVICES WILL STILL BE LIVE-STREAMED, for the time being. For those of you who need to stay at home for health reasons or who are long-distance, this is a great way for you to stay connected. If you're able, we strongly encourage you to join us in-person for Sunday worship. Our live-stream services have been a way for us to stay connected this past year, but they are a less-than-ideal substitute for something better—worshipping together, IN-PERSON! We were created to be together, and we hope to see you in-person soon!

4. SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE WILL CONTINUE TO BE AT 10 A.M. THROUGH THE SUMMER. Memorial Sunday usually marks our "Summer Schedule," which is 1 service at 10 a.m., and so we will continue to meet each week at 10 a.m. We will re-assess the number of weekly worship services and service times in August.

5. WEEKLY OFFERING—You can continue to give online or we will have offering baskets on either side of the stage for you to give your weekly offering. For the time being, we will not pass the offering baskets around during worship.

6. ON-GOING STEPS TO MITIGATE RISK—If you haven't met Roberto Alfonso Huerta yet, you're in for a treat! Roberto is our Facilities and Grounds Manager, and he

works hard to keep all of our facilities clean, sanitized, and in good working order. We also have installed air purifiers in the Hall and the Chapel, which, along with our swamp coolers, means that the air flow will be continually moving through the Hall and through the windows. We also will continue to provide hand sanitizer and masks for those who prefer to wear them.

7. BRYOC&S—BRING YOUR OWN COFFEE & SNACKS, for now. For the time being, we will not offer coffee or snacks during the worship service. As we all know, our snack ministry is a HUGE deal for all of us and a great way for new people to feel welcome. We hope to re-introduce providing coffee and snacks in the near future.

8. SUNDAY SCHOOL & NURSERY ON THE 1ST & 3RD SUNDAYS OF EACH MONTH. Our kids are important to us, and we will continue to offer Sunday School & Nursery on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. We hope to resume weekly Children's Ministry opportunities for our kids soon.

Thank you for continuing to be a fun (and safe!) place to get serious about God. This past year has been a challenging one for all of us, as we've wrestled with transition, differing opinions, and uncertainty. Let's continue to be patient with each other, love one another well, and look for ways to celebrate!

Much love,

Pastor Jill