

# Coming Back to the Heart of Worship

## Oxford United Methodist Church Guidance on Safely Gathering

One of the greatest heartbreaking moments our church has faced during these past 10 weeks of social distancing was having to resort to only online worship and not being able to worship and fellowship with one another. Believe me, speaking into the camera has not been easy for the worship team, leadership, and your pastor. We miss our wonderful loving church family and friends. I believe this necessary pause has invited us as church leaders to new worship practices, new ways of connecting with people and to God, new ways of telling the good news of Christ's salvation, and new ways of offering praise and prayer. Despite the current circumstances, we here at Oxford are ready to relaunch Phase One of our in-person worship services and we are "Coming Back To The Heart Of Worship" but to do so we are asking that you please observe the following Guidelines that have been set forth by the Church Council. Further instructions and details can be found on our website at "[www.oxfordumc.org](http://www.oxfordumc.org)" under the Covid-19 Guidelines tab. Please know that we will continue to offer our Livestream worship experience for those who are at [high-risk](#) and cannot safely gather in person. Please use wise counsel and your best judgment should you chose to join us in person.

### **PHASE ONE**

#### **COMING BACK TO THE HEART OF WORSHIP**

Worship service for both the 9:00 a.m. Traditional and 11:30 a.m. Elevate Contemporary Service will Relaunch on Pentecost Sunday May 31, 2020. Our Theme is "Coming Back To The Heart Of Worship" and our Sermon Series will be "Making A Way".

#### **BEFORE COMING TO WORSHIP**

Before coming to join us for worship service, please ask yourselves the following questions.

1. Do I have any of the following symptoms? Fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, chills, diarrhea, or other symptoms set forth by the CDC. For more information "[Click Here](#)".
2. Have I been in large gatherings in the last 14 days that may have compromised my health such as? Movie Theaters, BBQ gatherings, sporting or entertainment events, schools, hospitals, healthcare facilities, etc.

#### **WORSHIP SAFELY**

Everyone will be required to comply with Oxford's Guidelines of WORSHIP SAFELY by exercising the following practices:

- Everyone must bring and wear a face mask; if you don't have one a disposable one will be provided before to entry. Please wear your mask at all times, even during singing time.
- Before entering the sanctuary, everyone will have their temperature checked and if the temperature reading is at 99.9 and above, they will be asked to kindly worship via Livestream.
- Please hand sanitizing station at all times: before entering worship center, before and after restroom use, etc.
- Practice Social Distancing. 6 feet apart has been set by the CDC. Make sure to use pews assigned. Families can worship together but please avoid clustering and allow 6 feet from the other worshipers. Do not use pews if it has been closed-off, as they will be used by the second worship service. We apologize in advance if your pew was one that was blocked off.
- Bulletins, communion cups, offering envelopes, prayer cards, and other worship materials will all be located at the entrance of the worship center. Someone will be handing out the items upon request.
- Offering plates will be located before entering the worship center and as you leave the service.

#### **ONE WAY IN ONE WAY OUT**

- As you enter the worship center you will use only the front two doors and when you exit please use the double doors leading to the Education Building. Exceptions of using the front double doors as your exit will only be granted those using wheelchair, walkers, or others with physical needs.