

May 27, 2020

Dear Bethel Church Family,

*Colossians 4:6, "Let your speech always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt so that you will know how you should respond to each person."*

**This Sunday, May 31 we will meet for worship here at Bethel and also continue our Livestream.**

Last night a group of 14 met to plan how we will meet together for worship at Bethel. We had elders; deacons from safety, ushers, and technology; children's ministry; and nurses.

We briefly discussed survey responses. 62% said they would come to worship in person. This represents 165 people.

We want to communicate with the church family what we will be doing for the coming weeks, knowing that we will continue to re-examine and adjust what we do. We are trying to do the best we can to plan, knowing that these plans may be fluid on any given Sunday.

- Two services
  - o \*8:00 Worship: Masks strongly recommended & social distancing
  - o 10:00 Worship: Can wear a mask & social distance if you prefer

*\*note time change from our normal 1<sup>st</sup> service*

- We will utilize the sanctuary, fellowship hall, and the Raasch room which will be via Livestream
- The ushers will seat you, please be patient as they do so
- After the service please exit the building in an orderly manner, especially after 1<sup>st</sup> service so our crew can clean before the 2<sup>nd</sup> service
- You can fellowship outside at your discretion. *Just a reminder to parents that the water levels are high on the East River, so please be aware for your children.*
- Please bring your own mask, but we will have a limited supply for those who need one. *Particularly for 1<sup>st</sup> service.*
- A crew will clean the sanctuary and bathrooms between services.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> service- please do not enter the building before 9:45 so our crew has an opportunity to finish their work
- Hand sanitizer will be available throughout the building.
- Reminders: there will not be nursery or Sunday school.

- Bring your own coffee, tea, or water in a closed container. We will not have bulletins or anything in the pews (Bibles, Hymnals, pens).
- Offerings will be via the offering boxes on the wall outside the sanctuary and in fellowship hall
- The nursing mother's room will be available with sanitizer for moms to use before and after they are in the room.
- If you are currently suffering any flu-like symptoms including cough, high temperature, or have recently experienced a significant loss or distortion of the sense of taste or smell, you should worship with us at home via Livestream.

It will be good to see many of you in person this Sunday. It will be even better when we are all back together in person. While it may *feel* like change because of these guidelines, we gather to worship our unchanging Father and His Son Jesus Christ.

If you have any questions, please talk with any of the elders.

We love you in Christ,

The Elders