

HIGHLIGHTS

RESUMING WORSHIP

Sunday, June 7
10:30 AM
no Sunday School

ONLINE SERVICES

A video recording of the service to be posted Sunday afternoon.

SOCIAL DISTANCING & MASKS

encouraged for all

NURSERY

There will be no nursery offered.

COFFEE & SNACKS

There will be no coffee or snacks.

TAKING IT DEEPER

Will resume at the church.

HOME GROUPS

May resume meeting in person if they choose.

THE FOUNDATION OF OUR APPROACH

The Scriptures teach us that we were created to glorify God and enjoy him in all that we do. The corporate gathering together for worship, encouragement, and instruction is a fundamental aspect of life together in Christ. But we do not do this in a vacuum. Repeatedly God calls us to live out this life of glorifying and enjoying him by loving our neighbor as ourselves (Leviticus 19:18, Matthew 22:39, Mark 12:31; Luke 10:27; Galatians 5:14; James 2:8). This Scriptural call to love one another includes a deep concern for their health and well-being and not putting them at risk by our actions any more than absolutely necessary and a bearing with each other as we have differing comfort levels in this time.

So as to love our neighbor and not unduly put any in harm's way when we begin to resume church ministries, below are the steps we plan to take.

WHEN WE WILL RESTART

Assuming all goes well, **Stage 2** of the state's plan for reopening will begin on **June 1** and the limit on gatherings increases from 10 to 50. This will be our trigger for resuming worship and other ministries.

Our first service would then be Sunday, June 7. Since our summer schedule—service at 10:30 AM with no Sunday School—normally begins on Memorial Day weekend, this will be the schedule we will be following.

ONLINE WORSHIP

For those who are at higher risk and choose to remain at home, we will be recording the services and posting the video on the Free Grace web site Sunday afternoon. We will do our best to get this up as quickly as we can, but as this is new for us, we can not guarantee a certain time.

HOME GROUPS & TAKING IT DEEPER

Taking It Deeper will resume in person at the church with the same guidelines below. Home Groups have the option to resume meeting in person or continuing online. The church building will be available for home groups to use to facilitate social distancing if they wish.

MASKS



The Maine CDC recommends wearing masks whenever social distancing is difficult. Out of love for others we encourage all to wear masks.

HAND WASHING

We encourage all to wash their hands after contacting shared surfaces. Assuming we can keep it in supply, we will have hand sanitizer by the front door.



COFFEE & SNACKS



We will not be providing any food or drinks at this time. Those who need their coffee to stay awake through the sermon will need to bring their own.



SOCIAL DISTANCING

The Maine CDC recommends keep a distance of six feet from others. We encourage all to maintain this as much as possible, remembering others may not be as comfortable as you are.

To assist in this, the chairs in the sanctuary have been spaced out and divided into small groupings to allow families to sit together while maintaining social distancing.

NURSERY

Given the impossibility in the nursery of social distancing for both children and adults, as well as of sanitizing all the toys and surfaces, we will not be providing nursery services. The room will be open for those who choose to use it at their own risk.

