Guidelines for Gathering to Worship at MCC Updated - November 2020

When we gather on Sundays, our unity is expressed by how we serve one another in Christ. Please join us in extending grace to each other amid our differing perspectives and different views about how to live in this time. The Lord has exhorted us:

"... submit to one another out of reverence for Christ." Eph. 5:21

> "Outdo one another in showing honor." Rom. 12:10

"By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." In. 13:35

We are making every effort to be in compliance with the protocols given by our governing authorities when we meet together (Heb 10:25, 1 Pe 2:13). No single plan for our meeting will ever be the perfect solution in any one person's eyes. We will all be making compromises. As we defer to these guidelines set up by our elders and church leadership, we will be serving our fellow believers, honoring Christ as best we can, and providing for a beautiful expression of worship to happen together.

Please stay home if any of the following apply to you:

- You fall into a "high risk" category and/or are uncomfortable meeting in person.
- You are feeling ill (fever, chills, coughing, or showing other signs of sickness)

Please don't put yourself or others at risk. Thank you for staying home and staying safe, because we love you!

Guidelines for Gathering to Worship Together at MCC

Here is what you should know, as you join us for worship.

- 1. Please wear a face mask or face covering throughout your time here.
- 2. Please practice social distancing from non-household members.
- 3. The playground area will be closed off. If you have children, you will need to plan ahead of time with them about what to expect, and how you will keep them with you.
- 4. We will provide hand sanitizer in several locations for your use.
- 5. Pre-packaged communion elements will be available for you to pick up as you enter the sanctuary.
- 6. Clusters of chairs are set out for family groups to sit together, with appropriate distancing from other groups.
- 7. Please allow for just one person / family in a restroom at a time.
- 8. Bathroom doors will be set so they don't latch and may simply be pushed open.

- 9. All bathroom touch surfaces should be wiped-down by users after each use, and paper towels can be used to exit the bathrooms. Disinfecting wipes will be provided. Touch surfaces will also be cleaned during the morning.
- 10. Please be diligent to maintain distance during the service, and throughout your informal time seeing one another. Also, please continue to wear your face covering throughout your time at the church. If we all agree to do this, it will be easy to love one another and extend courtesy to our fellow-worshippers.

May the Lord be glorified in our midst, and in His body. We can't wait to see you.

" ... to the praise of the glory of His grace ..." Eph. 1:6