

Now that our area has reached a tier that once again allows for limited in-person gatherings, our Administrative Council has set a date to resume our limited live worship services beginning 2/7/21 at 10:00 am. The LUMC ReTURN Team has previously worked diligently to formulate a plan for in-person worship services for those who are ready and eager to worship in our church building. On-line services will continue also so that those who prefer to worship remotely may still do so. It is anticipated that on-line worship will continue indefinitely as we are reaching more people than we could have ever dreamed! Praise God! For those that are interested in participating with an in-person worship, here are some of the highlights.

The LUMC ReTURN procedures for in-person worship will be based on recommendations from the CDC, State of Illinois HHS, and the Northern Illinois Conference. While we are striving to take the utmost precautions to safely return to worship in our building, there are still no guarantees that someone will not be infected with COVID-19 or any other illness. As much as we would love for you to worship with us, if you feel you are at risk or have any concerns we won't be offended if you choose not to attend in-person worship. There will still be an online service every week and we would encourage you to worship with us in that way. LUMC ReTURN Team will keep informed of trends of Covid-19 taking in consideration CDC, State of Illinois Department of Health and Human Services and Northern Illinois Conference UMC recommendations. Should numbers rise or fall, the ReTURN Team may adjust procedures and phase status accordingly.

Here are some of the guidelines:

1. Attendance will be by reservation only. Parishioners must call or email the church Administrative Assistant to request a reservation. No more than 25 people can be in the building at any one time.
2. Attend church **ONLY IF YOU FEEL COMFORTABLE IN DOING SO**. The church, the Body of Christ, is not a physical building. It resides in the hearts of Christians, wherever they may be. A weekly on-line service will continue to be provided. Remember that you are loved and cared for regardless of whether you feel ready to attend in-person church or not.
3. Please arrive at least 15 min early to allow time for temperature check and check-in.
4. Please allow for an empty parking space on both sides of your vehicle and other parked vehicles.
5. Entry will be through the main upstairs (South) door only. Exit only through upstairs Southeast or Southwest doors. There will be no access to the downstairs area.
6. Keep your nose and mouth covered with a mask and use hand sanitizer. If you do not have a mask, we will have a disposable one for you. Hand sanitizer will be provided.
7. Do not touch anyone who is not part of your household. Greet each other with a wave, nod, curtsy, bow or any other friendly gesture! Please limit touching surfaces inside the building as much as possible.
8. Sanctuary aisles are one-way please enter through the center isle and exit via the side aisles.
9. Please limit restroom usage. If you must go, please follow thorough hand washing procedures.
10. Keep a social distance of 6 ft between families, both inside and outside the church.
11. Follow directions given by the ushers, on signage, or marked on the floors.
12. No food or drink.
13. No nursery will be provided.