'What Would Worship Look Like?' Proposal

at Strasburg First During the COVID-19 Pandemic 5/20/20

When: Per decision by COVID-19 Task Force and Session sometime *after* the state moves the county to the yellow phase. We would have two Sundays of trial runs to ensure that at least some of the kinks have been worked out.

Times: Saturday evening at Sunday morning morning

11:00am Contemporary

Worship Criteria:

- 1. 25 people in sanctuary, when that fills then 25 people in fellowship hall where it will be streamed. We will maintain a very limited amount of overflow if we get more than 50 people attending.
- 2. Maintain current streaming platforms for all people who may want to follow virtually
- **3.** 30 minute services
- **4.** Only one musician for each service
- **5.** No congregational singing
- **6.** Seating locations charted out ahead of time
- 7. Offering in stationary baskets at entrance and exit of sanctuary
- **8.** Communion will be considered with elements already in the pews prepared ahead of time
- **9.** Service liturgy will be provided as handouts which will be discarded for each service. Everything will be removed from the pews.
- **10.** Standing non touch sanitation stations will be set up throughout the church in places of high traffic
- **11.** Masks will be required and will be provided to any who do not have one when they arrive.
- **12.** We will ask people to think about the following questions before they come to the church and if they answer in the affirmative we will ask them to stay home for that week:
 - **a.** Are you currently experiencing any of the following symptoms? Fever, cough, shortness of breath?
 - **b.** In the last 14 days have you tested positive for COVID-19 or have you been tested and are awaiting results?
 - **c.** Have you been in contact with anyone who tested positive for COVID-19 or is awaiting result
- **13.** Each person is encouraged to take their temperature at home before they attend church in person.
- **14.** The windows and doors will be left open to facilitate ambient air and cross winds. No air-conditioning will be provided during this time of limited in person worship.
- **15.** Pastor Bob will be at least 20 feet in front of the first worshippers. Musicians will also be at least 20 feet away from the first congregants.
- **16.** The cleaning service will restart their cleaning on Mondays and Fridays
- 17. During this time of yellow there will be no nursery, children's church, or Sunday School offered in person. It should still be offered online.

Some Logistics:

- 1. Sanctuary seating will ingress and egress from the parking lot portico doors. Fellowship Hall seating will ingress and egress from door on the far side of the playground leading into Fellowship Hall. We will seat sanctuary first and then when 25 is reached we will begin with fellowship hall.
- 2. Each restroom will be limited to one user at a time. After each use it will be wiped down. People waiting in line will be 6 feet apart.
- 3. After each service the sanctuary and Fellowship Hall will be wiped down to prepare for the next service.
- 4. Survey will be prepared to send out to the congregation to get their thoughts on when/if they will attend in person worship with the worship times provided.
- 5. If a person is known to have been in church and infected then each person who came to church will need to be notified and contact tracing should take place.