

Re-gathering Guidelines – as we begin in-person inside worship services at Tulare United Church we ask for your patience and understanding and compliance as we try to keep everyone as safe as possible!

- ✓ Please check your temperature before you come. If you have a fever, headache, sore throat, cough, upset stomach or do not feel well – please stay home and worship online.
- ✓ You are encouraged to wear a mask. If you do not have one, we have them to give to you from Deb Schultz and her special sewing group. (Thanks to all who are sewing masks.) Although the TUC Board is not making this mandatory we know that COVID-19 is an airborne virus that spreads easily. It is deadly to some people (especially our elders and those with underlying health conditions) and nearly half the people who have it exhibit no symptoms or only mild symptoms. Wearing a mask is an easy way to help protect others.
- ✓ Please use hand sanitizer as you enter and when you leave. There are several bottles located throughout the building.
- ✓ We will not be singing hymns or passing the offering plate as these contribute to the spread of the virus. We will have music and there will be a basket for you to leave your offering.
- ✓ We are so sad not to be able to hug and handshake for now but please acknowledge one another with a wink, a wave or peace sign! Please respect the imaginary 6’ bubble around others.
- ✓ There are hearts on the floor to help you estimate 6’. Stay a heart apart. 😊
- ✓ The pews have been taped off to allow for physical distancing. Families or people who have been in contact are encouraged to sit together but at least 6’ away from others. Be flexible since you may not be able to sit in “your pew” 😊 Tables and chairs in Fellowship Hall are also spaced – please only one group at a table.
- ✓ Children’s worship bags will not be available for now so if you are bringing young children to worship please plan ahead and do some pre-teaching about why things are not the same at their church.
- ✓ If you wish to visit after the service please do it outside – keeping 6’ feet apart please. Outdoor airflow helps decrease the passage of the virus.

There is no way we can take away all the risk and each person should consider the risk when making the decision to attend in-person worship or not. No guilt! if you choose to stay home at this time. Please continue to pray for the day when the COVID-19 is no longer a threat to us. We will continue to put services on our website tulareunitedchurch.com , Venture on demand local channel and YouTube.