

“I was glad when they said to me, ‘Let us go to the house of the Lord!’” Psalm 122:1

And glad we all shall be!

If you are reading this then you already know that on Sunday, June 13th we will be re-gathering for worship in the sanctuary for the first time since March 8, 2020. That will be 462 days. Or 11,088 hours. Or 665,280 minutes. But who’s counting?!

We are all so grateful that we have gotten to this point and even more grateful for those who have labored in myriad ways to keep us connected and “open” as a church family over these past 15 months. Though the building has been closed, our worship, ministries, and mission have not. We have had to pivot (who’s getting tired of hearing that word?) and be creative. We have been patient and careful. We have asked the question “is it time yet?” time and time again and, finally, the answer is yes.

Over the course of the past few weeks your brothers and sisters of CMPC have been working on a plan for a safe and care-full re-entry to worship in the sanctuary. We are calling it our Re-gathering Covenant because we are asking our entire community, our faith family, to commit to it as a way to care for one another during this transition. You can find a pdf copy of the covenant linked below.

[CMPC Re-Gathering Covenant June 2021](#)

Please read over this covenant carefully so you know what we are asking everyone to commit to as they return to the building for worship. By attending worship in the building you will be committing to upholding this covenant in a spirit of love and community.

Of course, this covenant may well be amended in the days, weeks, and months ahead as guidelines change and our life together adjusts. So, please come back here often to see what changes may have been made.

You will see in the covenant that we are asking those planning to attend worship to sign up through our website so that we can prepare the space(s) accordingly

and so we have a record of attendees for contract tracing if necessary. ***We are not requiring online sign-ups, but we are requesting them.*** If you know you will be attending, please help us out by filling out the online form linked below.

[CMPC In-Person Worship Sign-up](#)

Lastly, through much careful and prayerful consideration we are, for the time being, still requiring ALL those who enter the building to wear a proper face covering. This is for three particular reasons.

1. Though we know many of those in our church family are vaccinated (Praise the Lord!) not everyone is. Indeed, not everyone is eligible to receive a vaccine—most notably those who are immunocompromised and all children below the age of 12. Thus, for the inclusion and safety of all, everyone entering the building will be required to wear a proper face covering
2. Unlike stores and many other public buildings we will be spending an extended amount of time in the same enclosed space, which will increase the risk
3. Because congregational singing is such an integral part of our worship experience AND science has proven that singing expels significantly more aerosols than speaking, the only safe way to sing together for the time being is with face coverings on

As always, if you have any questions or concerns about this information please feel free to reach out to Kathleen in the church office ([office@cmpcusa.org](mailto:office@cmpcusa.org)) or Pastor Scott ([pastor.hoffman@cmpcusa.org](mailto:pastor.hoffman@cmpcusa.org)).

Welcome home! We can't wait to see you in worship whenever you choose to join us!

God is good, all the time! All the time, God is good!

PS—if you have not already signed our one-time COVID-19 waiver, [please do so here](#) before coming back to the building for the first time. Thank you!