



# Moran United Methodist Church

*Embrace. Inspire. Serve.*

## *What To Expect As We Return to Indoor Worship*

- **Indoor capacity will be limited.** Seating will be available in both the Sanctuary and the Fellowship Hall, with spacing maximized between households. We anticipate seating for about 30 in the Sanctuary and about 40 in the Fellowship Hall. We are working to make sure there is a good sound and video experience for those seated in the Fellowship Hall with a large-screen TV and speakers. Open doors, open windows, our HVAC system, and high-volume air purifiers will be used throughout the building to increase air circulation and filtration. For your comfort, we encourage you to dress warmly and/or bring a sweater.
- **Online worship is still available!** We will continue to live-stream our worship services to our Facebook Page ([www.facebook.com/moranchurch](http://www.facebook.com/moranchurch)) and our church website ([www.moranumc.org](http://www.moranumc.org)) on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Our "Virtual Coffee Hour" on Zoom following the worship service will continue to be available for those who join us online.
- **Please stay home when you are sick.** Following our guiding principle to do no harm, we ask you to stay home and worship virtually if you have a fever, cough, difficulty breathing, or any other symptoms consistent with COVID-19.
- **Pre-registration will not be required, but we do ask participants to sign in with your name and phone number when you arrive.** As you enter the church, we will have two tables set up for you to sign in and pick up your worship bulletin before being seated in the Sanctuary or Fellowship Hall. The doors will open at 10:00 a.m. and, if you will be sitting in the Sanctuary, we ask that you be seated by 10:25 a.m. so that we can limit camera interruptions in the live-stream.
- **Be mindful of other congregants and guests seeking a seat.** We all prefer to sit in the Sanctuary, but we encourage you to be mindful of others and to take turns as we slowly increase capacity. Ushers will be available to help with seating.
- **Masks are required inside the building for all participants, even if you are fully vaccinated, and we will continue to observe social distancing as well as possible.** These precautions are an act of love and hospitality toward our members who cannot be vaccinated, including our children. All of those who are speaking from the chancel will be masked.
- **At this time we will not have congregational singing, but our services will still include music!** We will continue to use pre-recorded music, along with live instrumental music from Joanne Brown, Janice Wrhel, and others who would like to share their musical gifts. We invite you to hum, clap, move, and find other ways to engage with the music in worship. We are following the guidance of the Annual Conference regarding live indoor singing, and we will resume singing as soon as our local Covid-19 infection rates allow.
- **Communion will be served, but it will be different from what we are used to.** We will continue to celebrate Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month using pre-packaged communion elements. On Communion Sundays, you will pick up the elements with your worship bulletin before the service, and we will share together in the liturgy during the worship service.

- **What about fellowship time?** We invite you to greet and visit together outside after the worship service. Masks are optional while outdoors. We will not be able to offer coffee, cookies, or other refreshments at this time. Always ask permission before you shake someone's hand or offer a hug, as everyone has different comfort levels with physical touch.
- **Children's Sunday School will be offered during the worship service.** The class will be offered in the Disciples/Shepherds Room, with an air purifier running, HVAC system circulating, and windows open as the weather allows. All teachers and other volunteers working with the children will have received their Covid-19 vaccinations.
- **What happens if I or someone else tests positive for COVID-19 and they been at church?** If you test positive for COVID-19 and you have been at the church within 5 days of a positive test result or symptom onset, please call Pastor Cody as soon as possible at (509)985-9229. In the case of a known exposure at the church, an email notification will go out to the church email list, telling the church body that there has been a confirmed Covid-19 case. Additional targeted messages and phone calls may also be made as necessary to inform those who may have had close contact or who do not receive emails. The identity of the individual who has been diagnosed with Covid-19 will remain confidential unless explicit permission has been given to share.  
Any part of the building that was accessed by the individual who has tested positive will be thoroughly disinfected and sanitized before it is used again.