

Dear friends,

It has been a long time coming and on Sunday, 5/31/20, we will begin worshipping together in person at North Lima Calvary UMC at 9:30a.m.

Please know that our building has been professional cleaned and sanitized.

Although we will have the comfort and pleasure of worshipping together in our familiar sanctuary, things will be different. Attached you will find North Lima Calvary UMC's New Worship Guidelines. These guidelines were put together by Pastor Pat and the One Board with input from the music director (Steve Burbick) and the worship chairperson (Sonia Skripac).

While some of these guidelines may seem strange or silly to some, they may not seem strict enough for others. WE ARE NOT PERFECT. I want nothing more than to go back to the way things were. We can't do that. We have to take steps to protect ourselves and anyone else that chooses to worship here.

No matter what rules are in place some will say, "Why are you opening? Don't you care about the safety of others?" And others will say, "Why did you close? Have you no faith?" We, at this point have to, through prayer and with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, move forward as the church.

Folks please, if you're ill, stay home. If you're worried about becoming ill, stay home. If you're not yet comfortable being around other people, stay home. When you feel comfortable being out or being around other people, we will be here waiting for you.

In the meantime, we also will continue to use Facebook Live and YouTube to reach those who make the decision to stay home and to reach anyone else who tunes in. As of the above date we will go live but timing will depend on the flow of the service.

As things evolve, we will make changes. Please stay tuned for any updates.

I hope to see you all soon

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Pastor Pat

North Lima Calvary

New Worship Guidelines

Although masks will not be mandatory, if you want to wear a mask and have one, please bring it with you. If you want to wear a mask and don't have one, masks will be available at the back of the sanctuary.

Hand sanitizer will be available at the door, as you enter the sanctuary and in both bathrooms.

As you enter the building, do not congregate. Adhere to the rules of physical distancing.

Ushers and/or greeters should seat folks so that families under one roof can sit together. Others should be seated at the opposite end of alternating pews so as to try to keep to the physical distancing rules.

There will be no more up close and personal passing of the peace at this time. We may pass the peace but from a distance.

We may still have children's chat in some form but will avoid passing anything out and will adhere to the physical distancing rules.

Offering: I will still call for the ushers to gather the offering. The ushers will pick up the plates but will NOT pass the plates to other folks. They can extend the plate out but do not hand it off. Ushers may go down the center aisle and up the outside aisles or the other way around. A basket will be placed in the back of the sanctuary for anyone who might be uncomfortable with this arrangement.

(When we celebrate) Communion: All elements (Bread and wine) will be set out in individual cups on the alter table. After the invitation the ushers will direct you on when to come to the table. When you are finished at the table you will dispose of the cups in the receptacle that is provided, then return to your seat. This is designed to keep from grouping so as to keep with the physical distancing rules.

When exiting the sanctuary, the ushers will dismiss folks as they do at weddings to avoid the bottleneck at the back of the sanctuary. I will still greet you but from a distance.

The drinking fountain will be unavailable for the time being.