

May 27, 2021

Dear Trinity Family:

As most of you are aware, the Governor of Massachusetts has lifted most COVID-19 restrictions, effective May 29, 2021. For Trinity, this means that the restrictions under which we have been operating will also be gradually lifted. For the last fifteen months, we have found a variety of ways to connect with each other and maintain a community of faith. We have struggled together, learned many lessons, and become a stronger congregation through this shared experience.

Effective Sunday, May 30, 2021:

- Masks will be optional.
- Bibles and attendance pew pads will be returned to the pews.
- The back five pews and the balcony will be set aside for worshippers wishing to maintain social distance and continue wearing masks.
- Attendance and temperatures will no longer be taken.
- We will begin collecting offering during the service. For those in the balcony and rear, an offering plate will be available.
- Ushers will no longer escort worshippers to their seats. However, at the end of the service, those sitting in the back and in the balcony will be invited to leave first.
- The back five pews and the balcony will be set aside for worshippers wishing to maintain social distance and continue wearing masks. However, worshippers are also welcome to practice social distance and wear a mask anywhere in the church.
- Furniture will be returned to the foyer.

Effective Sunday, June 6, 2021:

- We will return to one service at 10:30 AM.
- We anticipate singing will return in June.
- Hymnals will be returned to the pews
- Communion will continue in its present form.
- Coffee Hour will start at a later date after proper preparations have been made.

The Trinity COVID-19 Ad Hoc Committee (TCAC) was appointed and authorized by the Administrative Council, to make emergency decisions during the COVID-19 pandemic. We have met regularly and scrupulously studied and acted upon health, legal, and other orders and guidance. Each of our decisions has been communicated to and, when necessary, voted upon by the Administrative Council. Throughout these extraordinary times, it has been our primary mission to maintain safe in-person worship experiences, while abiding with federal, state, and local regulations pertaining to Houses of Worship. Given that the crisis has abated, and in light of our existence as only an "Ad Hoc" committee, it is expected that the TCAC's emergency authorization will no longer be necessary.

We thank you for all of your support, understanding, and prayers as our Trinity community returns to a place of normalcy.

Peace and blessings,

Rene Perez, Lead Pastor

Erin Newcomb-Moore, Associate Pastor

Lisa Bakowski, Lay Leader

Stephen Sheffield, Ad Council Chair

Nate Olin, SPRC Chair

Sara McKeown, TCAC Member