

Outdoor Worship Frequently Asked Questions

This document represents what we know right now and is subject to change.

What COVID safety precautions are you putting in place?

All attendees and worship leaders will wear masks and practice social distancing. Hand sanitizing stations will be available at the entrance to the outdoor worship space, at the entrance to the building (open only for restroom use), and before approaching the altar to receive communion. *If you are ill, have been exposed, or suspect you may have been exposed to COVID-19, please stay home for everyone's well being.*

Will the building be open?

The building will be open only for attendees to use the restrooms. The ventilation in the bathrooms has been improved substantially to remove spent air quickly from the space.

What do I need to bring with me?

- Please wear a mask.
- Please bring a chair. A limited number of St. Thomas chairs will be available.
- Print bulletins will also be available, but you might want to bring a phone or tablet to access the bulletin.

Where will outdoor worship be?

Join us for worship at 8:30am and 11am on the patio between the worship space and Heritage Hall on the west side of the building. There will be signs to direct you.

What changes will be made to worship?

We will use a simplified liturgy and ask people to remain flexible if we make changes at the time of worship to accommodate the weather or other changing conditions.

Will we sing?

Yes, because we will be worshipping outside and practicing social distancing, we feel singing does not significantly add to the risk of contracting COVID-19. *For everyone's safety, please wear a mask and stay home if you are sick.*

How will we receive communion?

Individual wafers, gluten-free wafers, and grape juice will be in pre-packaged, recyclable containers. Households will file past a hand sanitizing station, receive their communion elements, and then return to their places. As soon as they have returned to their places, they will briefly take off their masks to consume the wafer and the juice.

Do I need to make a reservation for worship?

Yes. Reservations are available on [our website](#). The 8:30am reservations are [here](#), and the 11am reservations are [here](#).

What if I am not comfortable worshipping in person?

A festival worship service will also be available at the same times, 8:30am and 11am, and will feature our choir and some amazing guest musicians. Even as we phase back into in person worship, we are committed to providing quality, meaningful online worship.