

In-Person Worship Guidelines



Rehoboth United Methodist Church will be conducting **one** in-house, blended-style service which **will begin at 10 am**. This service will be similar in style to the online services held over the past few months. The following GUIDELINES will be observed to insure that the leaders and congregation will be as safe as possible during this time of in-person worship amid the COVID-19 crisis. Please rest assured that all contact surfaces (door handles, pews, restrooms surfaces and fixtures, etc.) will be disinfected each week prior to services.

Masks

Masks **will be a requirement** to attend services in church. Ushers will be at the entrances to provide disposable masks if attendees arrive without their own personal masks.

Temperatures

We will not be taking temperatures of attendees. We ask those planning to attend the in-person worship to take their own temperature before leaving their homes, and if that temperature is above 100°, to consider not attending that day or until a cause can be determined.

Entrances

There will be two separate entrances into the church. For our members who are not able to navigate stairs, we ask that you park in the upper church parking areas and enter through the office door. For those who can navigate stairways, we ask that you park in the lower lot and use the west Fellowship Hall door. These doors will be identified with signage and will be propped open. Additionally, we ask that members maintain the proper social distancing if the entrances are occupied by other members entering for the service.

Exits

There will be two exits available at the conclusion of the service. For those who entered via the office entrance, that will also be your exit. For those who entered through the Fellowship Hall area, your exit will be through the front sanctuary doors. Pastor Sean will conduct phased exits by section and pew at the conclusion of the service. We ask that when exiting, proper social distancing be observed at the exit doors. Also, if you wish to converse with other members of the congregation before or after the service, that you do not congregate around the entry and exit doors. Additionally, we ask that you be mindful of others and refrain from physical contact (including hugs and handshakes).

Hand Sanitizers

Hand sanitizing units are located at each of the entrances and exits.

Restrooms and Water Fountains

There will be two sets of restrooms available 1) the men and women's restrooms in the hall near the church office for those who are unable to use stairs, and 2) the men and women's restrooms in the Fellowship Hall. Proper bacterial soap as well as one-time use paper hand towels will be available in each restroom. We ask that if you require the use of a restroom, that you observe proper social distancing near the restroom sink areas especially when occupied by other guests. All water fountains will be blocked off and not usable.

Seating

Seating will be arranged to ensure social distancing between family groups, and ushers will be available to direct family groups to pews for seating. We will be seating every other pew, as well as trying to alternate seating positions within pews to allow for distance both in front and behind pew positions.

Families and Children

Family units will be seated together. There will be **no nursery or childcare available, nor will the cry room be available for use.** Children will remain seated with parents and normal parent accompaniment will be required when a child must leave the service for any reason.

Pew Hymnals, Bibles, etc.

All pew hymnals, bibles, and other products will be removed from the worship space. The service will be conducted using the overhead screens and paper bulletins. The bulletins may be discarded at the close of the service in the trash receptacles located at the exits.

Offering Plates

Offering plates will be available at each of the exits for those who wish to leave offerings. Or, you may continue to make donations by mail, through online giving or text giving, or by using the locking drop box slot located in the church office door.

Online Worship Services

Online worship services will still be available for those who do not feel comfortable attending in-person worship services or who may not be able to attend for other reasons.