

Dear Friends in Christ,

As Lane county proceeds with Phase 2 changes and allowances, Grace is also beginning a type of phase 2 with in-person, gathered worship. In our first phase, we had four services on Saturday and four services on Sunday. These were limited to 10 individuals and were set up with accepted physical distances. We had a time of confession and absolution and celebrated the sacrament of the altar together. Each week we grew from 41 people to 55 people. As we slowly bring people back together in worship, our phase 2 looks a little different.

Phase 2 for Grace-

- All are invited to attend. Please exercise caution if you are included in a vulnerable group. If you do not feel ready to return to worship, do not feel compelled to do so.
- Worship will be held on Saturday and Sunday at 9am, 10:30am, 12pm.
- Seating in phase 2 is limited to 15 individuals. With six opportunities to worship, this provides room for 90 people. Please be patient and flexible with time and space. Call or email Pastor Joe to reserve a seat. This helps to plan for the number of people attending and preparation of the sacrament.
- Face masks must be worn in worship. This is for your protection and the protection of others.
- If you are feeling ill or have been ill the previous two weeks, please refrain from coming to worship. Again, this is for your protection and for the protection of others.
- We will maintain appropriate physical distance from one another. Please respect the personal space of others.
- For now, we will not include any singing of hymns in worship.
- Sermons will be recorded and broadcast on Sunday.
- Bible studies for women and men are available on Zoom. Please contact Pastor Joe if you are interested in these opportunities. Women's bible study is on Wednesdays at 10am and men's bible study is held on Thursdays at 10am.

As long as the danger of infection continues to decline, we will make changes toward larger gatherings. We always keep in our hearts and minds those who are most vulnerable.

Please keep the community in your prayers and the unrest that has surfaced. Pray for all who face the challenges of the day head-on and on a regular basis. Stay tuned for more updates on worship and gathering.

God's peace to you.

Pastor Joe