

## JOIN CENTRAL CHURCH FOR WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, AT 5 PM

The Session has decided to hold, for the first time in over 6 months, an in-person WAVE worship service on the Maple Street lawn at Central Church this Sunday, September 20 at 5 pm. We can do this because, in New Jersey, over the last several months, we have done the hard work of reducing the spread of the novel coronavirus.

Of course, there is still a risk that you could be infected by attending this gathering, and so we strongly discourage those individuals with a high risk of having a serious, even deadly case of COVID-19, or those in close and regular contact with individuals at high risk, from attending. You can find high risk populations by checking the CDC website. We will continue to broadcast our regular Sunday morning service as usual at 10 am on HTTV, Facebook and YouTube.

If you plan to attend, please note that the following safety precautions will be in effect:

- 1) You are required to make a reservation in advance for your family grouping. Here is [the link](#) to reserve a seating area for your family. Only those with advance reservations will be allowed to attend. There is a limit on the number of families we can accommodate. **Reservations must be in by noon on Sunday.**
- 2) Each member of your family is required to fill out a [screening form](#) before arriving and to turn those forms in at check-in. You must turn in screening forms for each person attending.
- 3) You are required to wear a mask covering your nose and mouth throughout your time on Central Church property. If you do not have a mask, one will be provided to you.
- 4) You are required to check in at the Maple Street check in station before being allowed to occupy a seating area. At the check in area, screening forms will be collected and everyone's temperature will be checked. If you or anyone in your family grouping shows signs of an elevated temperature, none of you will be allowed to enter.
- 5) You must bring your own chair and carry it to the seating area assigned to you
- 6) You are required to remain in your seating area as much as possible until you are dismissed from it at the end of the service.
- 7) You are required to maintain an appropriate distance—i.e.: at least 6 feet—from others not in your family grouping throughout your time on Central Church property.

There will be differences in this service from the usual WAVE service. The only access to the building will be to the rest room facilities near to the Chapel. There will be no refreshments served, and we request no consumption of food or beverage while in the seating areas. There will be no singing, and communion will not be served. In an attempt to safeguard against spread of the virus and to protect staff, worship leaders, including the pastors, will not be available to greet you personally on Sunday evening.

We will assess this experience, and we will continue to monitor the spread of the novel coronavirus in our community. However, we hope to be able to offer an outdoor WAVE worship service every other Sunday, all dependent on the weather and community spread of infection, beginning September 20, and continuing through October.

This has been a difficult time for everyone, and even though we are taking this step, this pandemic is not over, and it would be a mistake to take this as a sign that we can go back to living the way we were living six months ago. And yet, we hope that some will find this opportunity provides some encouragement and relief during these difficult days, enabling you to continue the hard work of caring for yourself and for your neighbors.