

Worshiping Outdoors



Worship Schedule:

Saturday @ 5:30
Outdoor Worship

Sunday @ 8:30
Drive-In Worship

Sunday @ 9:45
Outdoor Worship

So we begin!

We have been actively working to find ways for our community to safely gather together in-person. Beginning July 25th, we will praise God, pray, and hear the words of grace and forgiveness as we partake in an adapted form of Holy Communion. This will be the first of what we hope to be more opportunities for us to gather in-person outside.

While this will likely be an ever evolving process, keep reading for:

- Information on the different ways we will gather
- What worship may look like
- How we are adapting Holy Communion

Outdoor Worship

Where

We will gather in the West (main) parking lot facing the church.

Seating

Bring your favorite lawn chair! Please be sure to follow the direction of the ushers and maintain a 6 ft distance between you and the next household.

Parking

You can park in the North Parking Lot, on the street or in the Millenium Parking Lot, South of Genesis.

For Safety

As you are coming and going from your car to worship, please wear a mask. You are of course welcome and encouraged, though not required, to wear it throughout the service.

Drive-In Worship

Where

We will have worship in the West (main) parking lot facing the church.

Seating

Instead of bringing lawn chairs, you get to sit in the comfort of your vehicle. Unlike a drive-in, please remain in your vehicle.

Parking Directions

You will enter the parking lot via the alley North of Grace, the entrance near Genesis. You will be directed to a spot. Then exit via the South entrance.

*There are limited spaces in the W Parking Lot but we will park the overflow in the North Lot. It will be first come, first parked.

Tune In

Listen to worship in your car by tuning in to 98.3 FM.

Online Worship

While we are starting to gather for outdoor worship, we remain committed to offering online worship. When we worship outside, the service will be streamed live to our YouTube channel. At this time we will be streaming the **8:30AM** service unless otherwise stated. You will still be able to watch it anytime after 8:30am.

We encourage you to Subscribe to our YouTube channel so that you will be notified when we post that way you don't miss one video. You can also find the worship service by going to our Website at gracewelcomemyou.org and from there you can click the link to our YouTube channel.

OR you can go straight to our YouTube channel at:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFIAaD35YMP1us0d5MQauxQ>

Music

At this time, we will have music at our worship services but we will not have singing. All services will have a blend of music both hymn based and contemporary, with the exception of Saturday who will be contemporary.

Sign Up for Worship

We want to ensure there is enough room for all the cars coming to the drive-in and enough space for everyone to safely socially distance. In order to do that, we are asking you to sign-up for worship. To help us prepare, please sign up by Friday.

Sign up [here!](#)

Safety Reminders:

For the well-being of all in attendance please remember the following:

- When coming to and from worship, please wear a mask.
- Maintain a social distance of 6 ft. If you are unsure how far that is, take a step or two back.
- Please remain home:
 - If you have been in personal contact with a person infected with Coronavirus in the past 30 days.
 - If you have experienced any of the following in the last 48 hours: Fever of 100.4 or greater, Coughing, sore throat, or shortness of breath, Loss of taste or smell

Offering

We are so thankful for your continued financial support! As we begin this new adventure outside, we ask that you continue to mail your offering to Grace until further notice. There will be a new way to give online beginning August 1st. More info to come.

In Case of Bad weather

If the weather is incompatible with outdoor worship, we will suspend the outdoor service. We will notify everyone 30 minutes before worship via email and Facebook.

While we won't be able to be in person, we will provide an online worship service on YouTube.



EUCHARIST IN EXTRAORDINARY TIMES

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Bring Your Own Elements

As a congregation we have fasted from the Eucharist also known as Holy Communion for over four months. For many of us it is difficult to abstain from the gift of grace found at the table. We hunger to hear, "This is the body of Christ broken for you. This is the blood of Christ shed for you."

When we gather for Outdoor Worship and Drive-in Worship, you are invited to break your fast. Together we will share in the meal, hear the words of forgiveness and be sent out strengthened to serve. However, extraordinary times require extraordinary means. Believing in the promise and mystery of Jesus' presence in the meal and that God is greater than our understanding, we will share in Holy Communion by bringing our own elements, the bread and wine. This is a temporary solution that allows us to partake in the Eucharist while answering God's call to care for one another's' health.

You are invited to the table but if it still feels right for you to continue fasting from Holy Communion or you don't feel comfortable communing in this way, you are welcome to wait. You may consider using the time during the Eucharist for prayer as you listen and feel God's presence with you.

What do I bring?

Bread: Sliced bread, flat bread, crackers like Wheat Thins. Maybe even consider baking your own bread. Go [here](#) to find a good recipe.

Wine/Grape Juice: You may bring your favorite wine, though we recommend you bring a small bottle. If you do bring wine, remember to put it in your trunk on your way home. You can also find grape juice which comes in small bottles.

Cup: Don't forget you will need to drink the wine out of something! Bring a small cup or a glass that is special to you.

After Worship: Traditionally, the blessed bread and wine are either eaten or returned to the earth perhaps in a special place in your garden. However, if you bring a full bottle of wine... best wait till you arrive home to finish it.

How will it work?

Pastor Stephanie will preside over the meal and you are invited to raise the bread and wine as she does. As Pastor says the sacred words, "This is the body/blood given for you," you are invited to serve yourself and/or your family the bread and wine.

What about the homebound?

We will have prepared bags we call the "The Gift of Communion." They contain carefully prepared individual cups of wine and wafers. These will be blessed at the outdoor worship and brought to the homes of those interested.

What about those watching online?

While it is preferable to be in person for communion, it is not possible for everyone. If you are watching online, we are happy to bring the "Gift of Communion" to you. You are also welcome to participate in the Eucharist as we do Outdoor Worship Live online. For more tips on how to participate at home, go [here](#).