



EMMANUEL CHURCH, NEWPORT, RI†

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Our mission is to equip people to live as disciples of Jesus.*



The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost: August 9, 2020

PRELUDE

Allemande from Suite *in G Major, BWV 441*

G. F. Handel

HYMN #414

God, my king, thy might confessing, vs. 1-3

Stuttgard

Descant

6 All thy works, O Lord, shall bless thee; thee shall all thy

1 God, my King, thy might confessing, ever will I
 2 Honor great our God befitting; who his majesty
 3 They shall talk of all thy glory, on thy might and
 4 Nor shall fail from memory's treasure works by love and
 5 Full of kindness and compassion, slow to anger,

saints adore: King supreme shall they confess thee,

1 bless thy Name; day by day thy throne addressing,
 2 thy can reach? Age to age his works transmitting,
 3 greatness dwell, speak of thy dread acts the story,
 4 mercy wrought, works of love surpassing measure,
 5 vast in love, God is good to all creation;

†Emmanuel Church was added to the national register of historic places in 1996.

and pro - claim thy sov - ereign power.

1 still will I thy praise pro - claim.
 2 age to age his power shall teach.
 3 and thy deeds of won - der tell.
 4 works of mer - cy pass - ing thought.
 5 all his works his good - ness prove.

6 All thy works, O Lord, shall bless thee;
 thee shall all thy saints adore:
 King supreme shall they confess thee,
 and proclaim thy sovereign power.

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THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together

Most merciful God,
 we confess that we have sinned against you
 in thought, word, and deed,
 by what we have done,
 and by what we have left undone.
 We have not loved you with our whole heart;
 we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
 We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
 For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
 have mercy on us and forgive us;
 that we may delight in your will,
 and walk in your ways,
 to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest alone says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins
 through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all
 goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in
 eternal life. *Amen.*

INVITATORY

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia!

ANTIPHON: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.

Jubilate *Psalm 100*

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

ANTIPHON: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.

Psalm 85:8-13 *Benedixisti, Domine*

8 I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.

9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

12 The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

THE Old Testament: 1 Kings 19:9-18

At Horeb, the mount of God, Elijah came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

1 I sing the al-might - y power of God, that made the moun-tains rise,
 2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food;
 3 There's not a plant or flower be - low, but makes thy glo - ries known;

that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the lof - ty skies.
 he formed the crea-tures with his Word, and then pro-nounced them good.
 and clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from thy throne;

I sing the wis - dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;
 Lord, how thy won - ders are dis - played, wher - e'er I turn my eye,
 while all that bor - rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,

the moon shines full at his com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.
 if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!
 and ev - ery-where that I could be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

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THE EPISTLE: Romans 10:5-15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

“The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

1 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord!
 2 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of his Name!
 3 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of his might!
 4 Tell out, my soul, the glo - ries of his word!

Un - num - bered bless - ings give my spi - rit voice;
 Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
 Powers and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.
 Firm is his prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure.

ten - der to me the prom - ise of his word;
 his mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;
 Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,
 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord

in God my Sa - vior shall my heart re - joice.
 his ho - ly Name— the Lord, the Might - y One.
 the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.
 to chil - dren's chil - dren and for ev - er - more!

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A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

SERMON

The Rev. Della Wager Wells

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Officiant Let us pray.

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

SUFFRAGES B

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.
V. Day by day we bless you;
R. We praise your name for ever.
V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;
R. Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.
V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;
R. For we put our trust in you.
V. In you, Lord, is our hope;
R. And we shall never hope in vain.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop Nicholas, our Presiding Bishop, Michael; for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; and for our community of Emmanuel; and for all ministers and people.
Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; for our President, Donald, our Governor, Gina, our Mayor, Jamie and for the well-being of all people.
Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for Mandy; Evelyn; Donald; Mike; Lorine and Harry; Heidi; Maggie, Maureen, Meaghan, and Allie, and all their family; and for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.
Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.
Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed.
Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.
Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

COLLECT FOR SUNDAYS

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PRAYER FOR MISSION

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

1 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!
 2 O tell of his might! O sing of his grace!
 3 The earth, with its store of won - ders un - told,
 4 Thy boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite?
 5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

1 O grate - ful - ly sing his power and his love!
 2 Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space.
 3 Al - might - y, thy power hath found - ed of old,
 4 It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
 5 in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;

1 Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
 2 His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,
 3 hath stab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
 4 it streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,
 5 thy mer - cies, how ten - der! how firm to the end!

1 pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.
 2 and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
 3 and round it hath cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 4 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
 5 Our Ma - ker, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend!

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GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up ourselves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Officiant may then conclude

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and
the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.
Amen. 2 Corinthians 13:14

FAMILY MEETING

POSTLUDE G. F. Handel

Courante from Suite *in G Major, HWV 441*

Thank you, also, to our readers: Ellen Vadney (Old Testament); Deb Venancio & Vickie Hicks (Psalm); Maris Humphreys (Epistle); Catherine Curtis (Gospel) and Jere Wells (Prayers).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Church office is OPEN! We are excited to be getting back together. The office will be open Tuesday through Friday, from 8:30-12:00. If you are coming to the office, you will have a temperature check and health screening (cough or respiratory symptoms, muscle aches, travel to other states, etc.) and will enter your name and other details on the contact tracing log on the large table in the reception area of the office. A contact-free digital thermometer, hand sanitizer, and sanitizing wipes are on the table. When entering the office, please **WEAR A MASK**, and sanitize your hands upon entry. Annie will guide you in the health screening.

We will begin in-person Morning Prayer on the church lawn at 8:00 am Sunday, August 9, weather permitting. The Reopening Planning Group (RPG) has been working hard to get ready for our first in-person services, including signage, check in procedures, and socially distanced spacing. One entrance to the parking lot will be blocked off by cone so that traffic is directed one way. Please *bring a folding chair, wear your mask, and stay 6 feet from other people* who did not arrive in your car. A greeter will meet you at your car and direct you to the marked socially distant spots on the sidewalk to enter the main church gate (not the office gate). The greeter will have extra masks if you forgot yours.

At the gate, you will have a quick health screening and temperature check, receive a bulletin, and be guided to your socially distanced spot for worship. As glad as we are to see each other, we won't make physical contact — no handshaking or hugging. And (really sadly for me) we can't sing. But this will be fun. It's louder outdoors, and there may be emergency traffic or trucks on Spring Street, gulls or planes overhead, or even boat horns in the harbor — those of you who are veterans of outdoor services at Emmanuel know that. Dennis Bristow will be helping us with a sound system so that you will be able to hear. We'll keep a weather eye out, and let you know by Constant Contact, the web site, and Facebook post if we need to cancel outdoor services due to rain. In addition to your mask and a folding chair, *you may want to wear a hat, or bring an umbrella to protect you from the sun*. We have scheduled the service early — 8:00 am — to avoid the hottest part of the day when the sun is directly overhead. We will continue our 10:00 am Sunday Facebook Live Morning Prayer for those who prefer to worship indoors, or who are not able to or comfortable coming to the church. Remember that the virtual services are recorded. You can worship with those services at any time after they are initially posted at 10:00 on Sundays.

Remember that we will wear masks and maintain social distance at all church meetings that are held in person (not on Zoom), whether they are held indoors or outdoors, or at the church or another location.

HERE IS A VIDEO that will show you what to expect when you arrive at church:

https://youtu.be/E4IOFRpec_o.

Technology: WE WILL ALSO CONTINUE OUR ONLINE WORSHIP. Each Sunday, we will post the week's Morning Prayer service at 10:00 am both on the Emmanuel web site (https://emmanuelnewport.org/worship/virtual_emmanuel/) and on Facebook. If you are a regular user of Facebook, please "like" and "follow" Emmanuel Church, Newport's page. This will give you notifications of Events, Watch Parties, or Video Premier. If you are not a regular user of Facebook and you want to watch through Facebook, you can click on the Facebook link on Emmanuel's webpage: (<https://emmanuelnewport.org>). This link will take you to Emmanuel Church Newport's Facebook page, where you can click on "Posts" in the left-hand column. The Watch Party will be the top post. You can click on the video to make it larger. When you go to Emmanuel's pages, you will see a menu on the left, where you can click on Video, which will have a red 'live' tag for a Video Premier. You are encouraged to comment during the service and talk with each other, so please enter your comments, or click on the emoticons during the service.

Let's remember our friends who may not be able to join us in person or by computer or tablet. If you can, check in and see if they might like to "go to church" virtually with you, listening to the live cast by telephone as you participate on your computer or tablet at home. Susan Barnes has good advice on this approach. Contact her with any questions.

Please let us know any announcements or prayer requests you have for the congregation! Call Annie Sherman, Parish Administrator, at 401-847-0675, or email her at admin@emmanuelnewport.org by Monday each week.

Did you know that, especially in these COVID-19 times when many of us are worshipping remotely, you may still *pay your pledge* in all the same ways? There are easy ways to do this! **First**, you can mail in a check, **or** use your bank's online bill pay option (you send a check through your bank online), **or** go to our website - www.emmanuelnewport.org - and click on "Donate" to make a secure on-line payment through VANCO using your checking or savings account to pay your pledge. At present we do not use credit cards. It is because of your generosity Emmanuel continues to be with you and with our neighbors through our remote Morning Prayer service on Sundays, as well as at a Bible Study, and Coffee Hour fellowship. Join us live every Sunday at 10am on our Facebook page <https://facebook.com/emmanuelnewport> and click on Video and at the 9am Bible Study and 11am Coffee Hour by clicking on the Zoom links on the next page.

From this week's Diocesan Update: Today Rhode Island reports 110 new positive cases of COVID-19, with 83 people hospitalized, 11 in the ICU, and 4 needing a ventilator. Two more Rhode Islanders have died, for a total of 1,014 COVID related deaths. To encourage more testing, the Governor announced two initiatives: "Starting next week, Accu Reference and Dominion will each run 1,000 Rhode Island tests per day – 2,000 in total. By next month, Dominion will increase their capacity to 7,000 tests per day. That will bring us up to 9,000 tests – including Accu Reference, Dominion, the State Health Lab and some other private labs – that are providing results in 48 hours or less." Anyone with symptoms is urged to get a test. Governor Raimondo also said, "Starting today, we are expanding our asymptomatic testing to every Rhode Islander 18-39 years old. If you are in this age group, please go to portal.ri.gov and sign up for a test. We know 18-39 year-olds have a higher percent positive than others, and we also know this group is more likely to have the virus without any symptoms, so the ability to get tested is another tool to keep you and your loved ones safe."

In order to curb large social gatherings, a primary source of the increase in COVID-19 cases, the Governor stated, “Last week, we announced that the gathering limit was being lowered to 15. This should be the same 15. Decide which people you’re going to see and write it down. You should be seeing only those people and nobody else.” Note: social gatherings with licensed catering have a higher limit of 50 people indoors and 100 people outdoors. See [here](#). To encourage people to take the social gathering limit seriously the Governor stated, “As a reminder, the fine for violating the social gathering limit of 15 is up to \$500.”

With our neighboring states now requiring that Rhode Island residents quarantine for 14 days unless they test negative for the virus, the Governor announced that “if you are planning to travel to a state that requires a COVID test in order to avoid extended quarantine, you will now be able to get tested here. Beginning this afternoon, you can sign up for a test at [portal.ri.gov](#). The testing will take place at our Convention Center site and we will work as hard as we can to get you results within 24-48 hours.”

The Governor has extended Phase 3 for another 30 days – through August 28 – and lowered the social gathering limit for both indoors and outdoors to 15 people. This seems to have caused confusion for some. Worship services are distinct from social gatherings, so the Phase 3 numbers still apply for churches, which are: “Places of worship shall limit indoor occupancy to the lesser of 66% of the worship area’s maximum permitted occupancy level or the number of persons who can maintain physical distance when seated – i.e. minimum of six feet of physical distance between households. Places of worship shall also limit occupancy to 125 people or fewer in accordance with a statewide rule for indoor places of assembly.” Also, “Outdoor services are permitted with capacity limited to the lesser of 66% capacity in the case of pre-existing outdoor facilities or the number of persons who can maintain physical distance when seated – i.e. minimum of six feet of physical distance between households. Places of worship shall also limit the number of attendees outdoors to 250 people or fewer in accordance with the statewide rule for outdoor places of assembly.” For further details please refer to the [state guidelines for Faith-Based Organizations](#). The Bishop is seeking clarification about weddings, which are listed as examples of social gatherings.

The Associated Press (AP) [posted an article](#) addressing whether wearing a mask poses any health risks. The summary of findings is “No, not for most people. Babies and toddlers should not wear masks because they could suffocate. The same goes for anyone who has trouble removing a mask without help. Others can wear masks without risking their health, according to experts, despite false rumors to the contrary.”

ZOOM SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

EMMANUEL CHURCH BIBLE STUDY

Time: August 9, 2020 9:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6673249264?pwd=b0ZsaE5NamRKU1NTNldBc2cvaG42UT09>

Meeting ID: 667 324 9264 Password: 399924

**Raymond’s ZOOM concerts
Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays at 3pm**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85408440033?pwd=KzZPQ1hTd05yOXZqN0huSWRHVU50dz09>

Meeting ID: 854 0844 0033 Password: 44006

Covenant for Regathering

I promise, to the best of my ability with God's help, to abide by the guidelines of the Diocese of Rhode Island for participation in church as we regather during the COVID-19 pandemic.

In faithfulness to the Baptismal Covenant (BCP p. 304-305), I will strive to:

Love my neighbor as myself, by...

- Wearing a mask or scarf over my nose and mouth at all times in church buildings, except momentarily to receive the sacrament or lead worship by an assigned speaking part, and following public health guidelines for hand sanitizing and disinfecting.
- Only attending worship if I am non-symptomatic for the COVID-19 virus or any other transmittable disease that could compromise the health of another person also attending.
- Abstaining from attending worship if I am concerned that doing so would be too great a risk due to my own health status.

Respect the dignity of every human being, by...

- Making no physical contact while at church with people beyond the members of my own household.
- Maintaining a six foot or more distance from other members of the congregation.
- Respecting any requests for distance, masking, cleaning, and disinfecting to ensure the safety and comfort level of others.

Seek and serve Christ in all people by...

- Supporting the decisions of my diocesan and congregational leaders.
- Staying connected with others in my community by telephone, video chat, mail, or other means.

This is our expectation for all those who wish to worship with us in person. By participating in our worship, you assume responsibility for following the above, and acknowledge the risks of participation in an in-person gathering.

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