

**The Essentials Elements of**  
**Trinity United Methodist Church's**  
**Covid -19 Plan**

**Before Leaving Home I Invite You to Prepare for Corporate Worship in the Following Ways**

1. Jesus says to all Disciples, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." 22 And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit." (John 20:21) Let us Come to Sanctuary Worship led by the same Holy Spirit who led Jesus to make Peace with suffering and death.
2. To be led by the Holy Spirit we deny the power of our individual will. Then we pray, Father, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven through my life.
3. God gives us daily bread to sustain our physical bodies. The Holy Spirit gives us living bread to sustain us in the Peace of Christ. The Peace of Christ heals our spiritual hearts and minds.
4. The Holy Spirit leads us to confess our/my Temptation to do our/my will. Confession makes space in our hearts and minds to receive Jesus' Peace.
5. Covid -19 is an affliction of life on earth. Humans create suffering. Jesus healed afflictions/diseases. He suffered our sins! Let's NOT confuse an affliction that requires Jesus Healing with Suffering created by imposing our will upon one another.
6. Shame, guilt, and blame are symptoms of Sin. Jesus delivers us from Sin!
7. Love, joy, peace, and patience are symptoms of Christ's Peace. Jesus heals!

**Entering the Sanctuary!**

- Please put a mask, bandana, or scarf over your mouth and nose before entering the Church Building. Mask and Hand Sanitizer are available. Ask and you shall receive!
- Please follow the signs: Enter Here! Exit Here! Think of them as traffic signs directing safety!
- All who enter wear mask! Think of it as sign of humility!

## **Sanctuary Attendance !**

- *The Sanctuary has a maximum capacity of 200. We shall close every other row. We shall alternate row closure on each side of the center isle. Therefore our maximum Covid- 19 Seating is 100 people.*
- *Families and friends, who arrive in the same vehicle or live in the same house, may sit together.*
- *People tend to sit in the same place each Sunday. Therefore we will have assigned seating, and seating designated for visitors. Blue painters tape will designate each seat.*
- *A distance of more than 8' shall be between individual seating and families or friends seated together.*

## **Safe Covid 19 Sanctuary Practices**

- *All persons, 2 years old and older, attending corporate sanctuary worship will wear mask, sanitize their hands, and practice social distancing.*
- *Congregational Singing is discontinued until further notice.*
- *Bring your Bible to Worship. If you do not have one, ask the Pastor and you shall receive!*
- *Pew Bibles and Hymnals are removed from the sanctuary until further notice.*
- *Tithes and Offerings: At the end of the service please place your tithes and offerings in:*
  - *The Offering Plate on the Table of Our Lord.*
  - *The Dropbox located on the Church Building Wall accessed via the alley between the Toney's house and the Church Building.*
  - *By mail.*
  - *Direct Deposit.*
- *Special Music: Those singing shall distance themselves at least 12 feet from the congregation. Singers will remain 10 feet apart. Each singer will stand behind a plexiglass face shield while speaking or singing. Mask may be removed while standing behind the plexiglass shield. Before joining the congregation the singer will put on their mask and sanitize their hands.*
- *Lectors/Speakers: May remove their mask once standing behind a plexiglass face shield.*

- *Person's refusing to wear mask, sanitize their hands, and follow the "Enter Here" and "Exit Here" signage shall meet with the Pastor and one other person from the Church Council. After three violations the person shall be asked to worship in the following ways.*
- **Worship At Home** *is a written version of the Corporate Worship Service. It is delivered weekly to those who do not have internet access.*
- **Online Worship Services** *are posted each Sunday morning around 9:30 am on Robert's Facebook Page. The videos are posted on Trinity's Website and Youtube Channel the following Monday evening.*

### **Request for Use of the Church Building**

- *All request for use of the Church Building are submitted to the Church Secretary, Tiffany Adams.*
- *The Mission organizations currently approved by the Trustees to use the Church Building may use the facility once the agency has received, read, and signed Trinity's Approved Covid 19 plan.*
- *Weddings and Funerals shall be approved by the pastor and District Superintendent prior to be placed on the Church Calendar. Once approved the requesting family shall receive, read, and sign Trinity's Approved Covid -19 plan.*
- *Social gathering such as Fellowship Meals, Birthday Parties, Anniversary Parties, and Groups like The Garden Club, Boy Scouts, and AARP may not use the facility until further notice.*
- *Sunday school, Youth, Mission Trips and Bible Studies shall not meet in the Church Building. Trinity set a goal to form and multiply Small Groups. Small Groups shall have no more than 10 people. Each Small Group shall have a host home in which to meet. The members of each small group shall receive, read, and sign Trinity's Approve Covid-19 Plan. The host of the Small Group shall draw the participants attention to the CDC Poster: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/stop-the-spread-of-germs.pdf>*

*Father, everyday you give us daily bread to nurture our bodies and the gift of yourself to heal our spirits and souls.*

*Lord Jesus, You humbled yourself to willingly live on earth in a body ravaged by afflictions and evil suffering. You humbled yourself to suffer our shame, guilt, and*

*chronic blame. Through your humility you show us Your way of: Peace in Suffering; Peace with Sin; Peace with Death; Peace as Life on earth as it is in Heaven.*

*Come Holy Spirit. Let our humility welcome you into our hearts and minds. Come Holy Spirit, lead us to experience the evil intent of our self-willed temptations. Open our eyes to see Jesus in all forms of suffering. Open our ears to hear Jesus saying again and again "Peace be with you." Open our arms to the world! Open our fist in prayer. Open our minds to mercy. Open our hearts to grace! Open our lives to Love as you first loved us.*

*Amen!*

*One in Christ,*

*Robert Burlingham, pastor*