

Resuming Outdoor Worship-Update

May 12, 2021

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I want to share with you the following update regarding our worship life together:

At our April and May meetings, St. Michael's Church Council discussed plans to resume outdoor worship now that the weather is getting warmer. **Our first outdoor worship service of 2021 will be on Sunday, May 16 at 10:00 a.m. in our lower parking lot.** Here are some specifics regarding our outdoor services:

- **Per CDC guidance and the easing of restrictions for outdoor gatherings by the Governor's office, and along with vaccination progress, the wearing of masks at outdoor services will be optional.**
- **Masks will still be required for all indoor services and activities.**
- Hand sanitizer will be on-site.
- Worshipers will need to bring their own lawn chairs for seating and cups for communion. Small paper cups will also be available.
- Parking will be in our upper lot; the service will be held in our lower lot. The lower lot is the one closest to the playground and parsonage.
- The service will be a service of Holy Communion, and the Assisting Minister and I will commune people where they are seated.
- **Being outdoors and safely distanced, we'll resume singing along with the hymns and service music.**
- Bulletins will be sent electronically for viewing on phones, and paper copies will be available on a table for you to pick up as you arrive.
- An offering plate will be on a table for you to give your gift as you arrive.
- I will continue to record and post our remote services each week for those who are unable to attend our outdoor services, and Alla will continue to provide the prelude and postlude music for each service.
- In the event of rain, the service will be indoors.

I look forward with hope to worshipping with you outdoors and singing with you again, and with joy to continue worshipping with you on-line. Thank you for your ongoing patience and understanding during this next transitional phase of our worship life together. Be safe, healthy, and well.

God's peace be with you,

Pastor Derrick Fallon