



Dear Grace Fellowship Friends and Family:

On the 2nd page of this note is a list of guidelines that have been created for us to re-open the church safely.

We want everyone to know that the decision to begin having services was not taken lightly or in a cavalier way. On a personal note, I have really appreciated the unity, harmony, and oneness we have had as a leadership from the time we stopped having services. Beginning in March, every Sunday morning at 9:00 A.M., the leadership has talked and and prayed together. The unity we have had over the past several weeks was forged through God's Word, conversation, not always being in initial agreement, yet, listening to one another, and coming to conclusions that we think best serve God and the people of Grace Fellowship.

We believe that as long as we have safety guidelines in place, we are opening within the parameters of Governor Whitmer's executive order. The section that refers to churches states:

"Consistent with prior guidance, neither a place of religious worship nor its owner is subject to penalty under section 20 of this order for allowing religious worship at such place." It goes on from there to say that those who travel to engage in worship will not be subject to penalty, either.

Our desire is to be able to meet as a congregation, remain submissive to our civil magistrates, keep each other safe, and keep the greater community around us safe, as well. We believe with the guidelines in place, we will be able to accomplish all of these.

Please be praying that God would unify us, bring many to saving faith, keep us safe, and be with those who are still unsure about coming out in a public setting. We want to serve them, as well.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact us.

In Christ,

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**CONGREGATIONAL WORSHIP AND COVID-19
FOLLOWING CDC/STATE OF MICHIGAN GUIDELINES
BEGINNING MAY 24TH SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 11:00 A.M.**

**These measures will be a blessing to some, and feel restrictive to others. Our desire is to keep those who will be attending Grace Fellowship safe by following the guidelines given by those in authority over us. Governor Whitmer has given churches the freedom to gather, even under the Stay Home/Stay Safe order. But, we are to do so with safety measures in place. We are still aware that there are some among us who are at a higher risk and are hesitant to gather in groups. We will continue to put videos on the church website in order to serve the entire body.*

1. We will meet as a corporate body, but will not have the nursery available.

Parents with babies, feel free to bring a pack and play and set it up next to you.

2. Please sit as family units, but stay 6 feet from those who are not part of your household. We will have some pews blocked off to help facilitate that.

3. Though we are encouraging those who come to wear a mask, we will not be forcing anyone to wear one, and we will not keep someone from entering the building without one. We encourage you to wear a mask, especially in the entry areas, when we are in more tight quarters.

4. There will be no traditional greeters at the front door, but please know we are glad you are here!

5. Please do not bottle neck the stairway or the entry.

If the weather is nice, we can fellowship outside.

If the weather is bad, we can fellowship in the sanctuary.

6. After the benediction, Pastor Rick and Deb will be greeting you from 6 feet away with a nod, instead of a handshake, as you leave.

7. We will not be partaking of the Lord's Supper right away. This will be explained on Sunday.

8. Our 11:00 A.M. Sunday service is the only meeting we will be having until further notice.

9. To ensure proper distancing, only one person should be in the bathroom at a time (we have bathrooms in the basement, too).

10. Please remember to wash your hands and use hand sanitizer to help insure your safety and the safety of others