

**Please review before attending our outdoor services since
some information has been updated.**

Dear RUMC Family,

We continue to gather for in-person worship with **outdoor Sunday services**. The services are held at 9 a.m. (traditional) and 11 a.m. (contemporary) in our green space (south of the garage). We are excited to worship with Pastor Devin in a way that keeps everyone safe and healthy. We continue to take necessary safety precautions and adhere to the following procedures:

Masks: All attendees **5** years of age and over are required to wear masks during the services and on church grounds. We encourage attendees to bring their own mask and will have extras on hand to ensure everyone is able to wear one. Those who do not wear a mask will be asked to leave.

Entering: The main floor bathrooms in the lobby will be open, but all other church spaces will be closed. Please go directly to the outdoor worship area and do not gather in the building or parking lot. We will have a tent set up and the event will be rain or shine, barring severe weather, so please dress accordingly and bring a water bottle!

As you enter, please maintain a social distance of 6 feet away from members of other households. There will be a welcome table right inside the tent with hand sanitizer, extra masks, and a sign in sheet. Please clean your hands, secure your mask, and enter your information. Please refrain from shaking hands or physical contact.

Seating: Please bring your own lawn chairs. We will have extras on hand for those who are unable to bring their own. Ushers will help ensure that attendees from different households are spaced at least 6 feet apart. Those who live in the same household may sit together without distancing.

Singing: Attendees will be allowed to sing softly. We acknowledge that singing is an important part of worship, but ask that everyone does their part to mitigate the spreading of germs.

Cleaning: Before and between services, the outside space, bathrooms, and all other points of contact will be sanitized.

Communion: There will be no communion at these services but we are making plans to include this soon.

Offering: There will be an offering box at the welcome table and no offering plate passed during the service. Attendees may deposit their offering in the box while entering or exiting the services. Those who wish to give online may continue to do so via [e-giving](#) on romeoumc.com or the Givelify app, and you are also welcome to mail your offering to the church.

Dismissal: Attendees will be required to maintain social distancing during dismissal. Ushers will ensure attendees exit the worship space in a safe manner. Please do not gather in the parking lot or other spaces after services. Unfortunately, there will be no fellowship time.

Parking: Marked handicap parking spaces will be available on the street surrounding the green space to ensure that worship will be accessible for those who are uncomfortable walking down the hill.

Please Note: Those who find themselves in the high risk categories, those with compromised health conditions, those caring for the sick, or those who are not yet comfortable being at a gathering are encouraged to continue participating in our Online Worship available on the website. Anyone who is running a fever or otherwise not feeling well is asked to please stay home to keep everyone safe.

We are excited to gather together again, but understand that not everyone will be ready to take this step. Please check the website for our Online Worship services.

Thank you for your cooperation, support, and patience. See you soon!

Sincerely,

The RUMC Reopening Task Force