



July 10, 2020

May God give you more and more mercy, peace, and love (Jude 2),

We wanted to bring you up-to-date with our Regathering Plans for Cannon Beach Community Church. As you know, during 15 Sundays, March 22 through June 28, 2020, we moved our worship services online, gathering home-to-home and heart-to-heart, but not in the Sanctuary in Cannon Beach. We did this as our way to love "the least of these brothers and sisters" in Jesus' name, to care for vulnerable people in our congregation and community during a time of global pandemic concerns. Cannon Beach Community Church never closed, but we shifted our way of *knowing Christ, growing in Christ together, and going with Christ into our community and world*, with worship gatherings, grow groups, and go teams meeting online over the past four months.

On Sunday, July 5th, we regathered for worship in the sanctuary at 132 E. Washington, celebrating worship, a message from the Beatitudes in Matthew 5, and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper together at our 9AM Contemporary Service and our 11AM Classic Service. A total of about 80 people met in person for this time of worship together, with everyone who gathered wearing face covering, and respecting the physical distance seating and regathering plan approved by our Leadership Team.

In addition, on July 5th, beside the 80 people who met for worship in person at our Sanctuary, we had over 220 people gather with us online for worship that Sunday, for a total of more than 300 people worshipping with us on July 5th. We also gathered for worship on Wednesday evening, July 8th, with a small group of brothers and sisters. To better focus our weekly worship during this season, we will not be gathering for Wednesday evening worship until further notice.

Our online worshipping community has grown dramatically these past few months. As a result, we've sought to upgrade our way of doing online audio and visual worship. On March 18, 2020, we created a new YouTube Cannon Beach Community Church channel, where we gather all our video resources, including recorded worship services, all-church letters, training videos, devotional podcasts, Immerse inspirational videos, and piano concerts. Since launching this new YouTube Channel, Community Church has posed 63 videos, including 20 worship services. We now have nearly 100 "subscribers" and have gathered over 7000 views. Our average worship attendance online in May and June has been between 250 and 350 people, many more than we were averaging while "in person" only for worship. We are reaching more people with the Good News of Jesus Christ, by making available our ministry through our online YouTube channel.

In June 2020, your Leadership Team approved the purchase of new Video Technology at a budget total of \$3500, including a new PTZ Optics Video Camera, a new dedicated Video-Laptop, and the other pieces of hardware and software to livestream and record our worship services on a regular basis. Once all this equipment is delivered, we will install and test the equipment, recruit and train volunteers, and implement this new phase in our ministry, adding weekly livestreaming and video recording of our worship services. We've tried to livestream a couple of times, but have run into technical problems that required tech specialists to come assist us to assess how to best proceed. Thank you for your patience, and support as we press onward in this journey together, learning as we go, by trial and error, innovating and adding new ways of ministry while holding true to our vision to *Know Christ, Grow in Christ together, and Go with Christ into our community and world*.

Over the next few weeks, we will pre-record a full worship service early every Sunday morning, with only pastors and worship leader in the Sanctuary, in the same style of recording as you've seen over the past four months: close to the camera, without masks. We will make these pre-recorded worship services available every Sunday 11AM, so if you are worshipping with us from home, you can go onto the link sent to you via email, and join us on Sunday morning weekly.

Here are some updates of our commitments as we regather for worship in July and August:

- We will continue to provide two Sunday morning worship services, 9AM Contemporary, and 11AM Classic. Our seating is limited within the Sanctuary to about 50 people in seating zones. Our 11AM service will likely have greater number of available seats.
- We will not continue to gather for Wednesday evening worship during this season, but encourage people to consider meeting together on Wednesdays in an Immerse group as we've done in the past.
- We will make available every Sunday by 10:30am, pre-recorded worship services, so if you are worshipping with us from home, you can go onto Cannon Beach Community Church YouTube channel or click the link sent to you via email, and join us on Sunday morning weekly.
- We will continue to keep all our windows and doors open with ceiling fans on high to maximize ventilation and airflow during worship times; so come prepared on chilly days with layers or a jacket to wear to worship.
- As of July 1, 2020, face coverings are required by our local, county, and state elected leaders. Oregon issued a statewide requirement to wear face coverings in all indoor public spaces. In compliance with our elected leaders, our Leadership Team asks all people to wear face coverings (masks or shields). Children under 12 years of age, as well as people with a disability or medical condition that prevent them from wearing a face covering are not required to wear one. This requirement is true of Clatsop County and in the City of Cannon Beach. As our Cannon Beach Chamber states, "Cannon Beach is committed to the health and safety of everyone in our community."
- We will continue to provide facemasks, including KN95 facemasks for anyone who may need one. We look forward to the time ahead when face masks will no longer be needed, but at this time, we thank you for joining us in this practice.
- We will provide covered outdoor seating area for people who prefer to gather in a group without needing to wear a face mask, such as a prayer group or Immerse grow group.
- We will continue to honor a 6' physical distancing as we gather within the church building while socially enjoying growing in Christ together. People who gather outdoors in the covered gathering area will still need to honor 6' physical distancing.
- We will continue to provide online connections, including worship, prayer, Bible Study inspiration, and creative ministries to all of you who are unable to join us in person, but still are actively involved in the life and mission of this congregation.
- We continue to reach out to our community with the love, grace and truth of our Lord Jesus Christ, welcoming all who are finding their way into life with our Lord Jesus Christ through the ministry and people of Cannon Beach Community Church.

Jesus reminds us in the Sermon on the Mount that we "are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father."

Let Christ's light shine this summer so that more and more people will praise our heavenly Father!

With joy in Christ,



Pastor David



Pastor Nathan