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Setting the Church In Motion

– Putting Our Faith In Action

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To our Faith United Family,

Faith United will resume in-person worship with our first service being held on Sunday, May 31st at 10:30am. Committee meetings and other groups can resume meeting in the church in the following weeks as long as they commit to following our policies and the Directed Health Measures (DHM) guidelines for group size and practices.

After reviewing mountains of information and guidelines, conducting a survey of our congregation, and hours of conversation with our Administrative Council, the attached guidelines and timeframe were approved. These decisions were not made lightly. For some there is still considerable concern about returning to church activities, even with new policies in place. For others, they feel it's time for those who wish to worship in person to have that chance. Every family must make the decision that is best for them!

These are certainly unprecedented times. None of us have been here before. And while we know that we will not all agree on what's best, we are called to respect one another. We are all created in God's image, and all do our best to follow where the Holy Spirit guides us. But that doesn't mean we all magically see things the same way. We are all fallible also. When it comes to following these guidelines we will mess up at times. Please be gracious with one another as we navigate our way through this.

The full set of approved policies has been attached for you to review. Our intent is not to "police" worshippers to strictly adhere to these policies. Our duty first and foremost is to love God by loving others. Doing your best to abide by these policies is a way of showing love for others – even if you might disagree with them. Here are two basic notes for you to be aware of when you return for worship:

- 1) Masks are strongly encouraged for everyone. Masks will be required for ushers, greeters, and others serving in worship who could be inside others' 6-foot space.
- 2) Pews and seating will be marked to maintain 6 foot spacing between families. Please do not sit in the spaces marked with tape. Any untaped area on a pew or chair is fine to sit in, as long as it is just your household or family in that space. Seating in the sanctuary will be very limited, but tables will be set up in the Fellowship Hall for overflow as well.

Thank you for your patience and grace as we navigate uncharted waters together. I look forward to seeing you all when you are ready to return. Blessings!

In Christ,

Michael R. Evans
Equipping Pastor