

# KATY CHURCH OF CHRIST

## RE-OPENING WORSHIP MESSAGE

### From the Elders

Over the past several weeks, our congregation has been unable to publicly assemble due to the COVID-19 crisis and our government's response to containing this threat. Within the past few weeks, the government has loosened its restrictions for our area and, Lord willing, **we will be able to meet once again on May 24<sup>th</sup>**.

We are overjoyed that we can once again assemble as God's people, but due to an abundance of caution we will currently restrict ourselves to in-person morning worship on Sunday AM moving forward with the following schedule:

**No Sunday AM Bible class**

**9 AM** Worship for those with last names beginning A thru J.

**11 AM** Worship for those with last names beginning K thru Z.

**Sermon will be the same for both services. Livestreaming will continue for both worship services**

**6 PM** Evening Worship will be On-Line ONLY NO In-person evening worship.

***Anyone who is in a high-risk group or who is not feeling well Should Carefully Consider staying home for the first few worship times. If you have been sick within the last 24 hours before worship we ask that you stay home as well.***

As time progresses, and we are able to assess the spread of the virus in the coming weeks, we will begin to participate in more opportunities together.

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With that in mind, following is an outline of our policies moving forward for coming together again.

To ensure the safety of our congregation, while at the same time being able to worship together, **we ask that you adhere to these policies to the best of your ability.**

### **Entry Instructions:**

1. The main foyer doors and the West hallway door will be opened for accessing the building 15 minutes before Worship time. ***(see map at bottom of this message)***  
***Please maintain 6 ft physical distancing in the foyer and hallways.***

2. Hand sanitizer will be placed in the foyer and all members are requested to use it as you enter and leave the building.
3. Masks are not required but if you have them, please feel free to wear them. If you do not have a mask and desire to have one, they will be available on the tables where you pick up communion supplies.
4. As you enter the building, you will pick up a prepackaged communion set for the Lord's Supper and head directly to your pew. Each communion set will be in a plastic sandwich bag that can be used for the trash afterward. Please keep the plastic bag with you and dispose of it on your way out in trash cans at the rear of the auditorium.
5. Pews will be marked with signs showing the rows available to sit for the 9 AM and 11 AM services. Please sit together as family units (*including teens with their family*) and allow 6 feet from any other family unit on the pew.

### **Physical Distancing**

6. **PLEASE REMEMBER, NO HUGGING OR HANDSHAKING.** We realize this will be difficult since we have not seen each other in a while, but we ask that you please help us in this manner to reduce physical contact. **The Elders have agreed to refrain from handshaking and hugging. Please do not be offended by this practice. We love everyone, but the current times call for wisdom in keeping our distance.**
7. There will be no gathering in the foyer or other areas inside the church building to fellowship at this time.
8. There will be NO Attended Nursery. The nursery will be available for parents to use as needed. Please keep in mind the physical distancing when using the nursery.
9. Restrooms will be open with doors propped open so there is no need to touch the handles. Hand sanitizer will be available in the restrooms and physical distancing should be practiced.

### **During Worship**

10. All songs will be projected on the screen. There will be NO songbooks in the racks on the pews.
11. There will be NO Bibles in the racks on the pews. Also NO printed bulletins or lesson handouts. Lesson handouts will be on the website to download and print your own copy or look at electronically
12. Prayers will be offered specifically for the Bread and the Fruit of the Vine. Everyone will partake of the communion using the portable kits available as you enter the building.
13. A prayer will be offered for the contribution, but a plate will not be passed. Members can put their offering into boxes at the back of the auditorium as they leave. We are

having some capacity issues with the electronic giving online, so if you are attending in person, please give via check and leave the online giving option to those worshipping from home.

### **Exiting the Auditorium**

14. When the service ends, each section will be dismissed by the leader at the front of the auditorium. We plan to dismiss starting from the back rows a few at a time. When exiting, please remember to keep physical distance, and to not gather in the foyer.
15. Please do not leave personal items in the auditorium such as blankets, footstools and writing desks, etc.
- 16. DO NOT** put trash of any kind in the pew racks including used communion supplies. ***Use trash cans at the back of the auditorium.***
17. There will be two contribution boxes on the table at the back where members can drop their contribution as they are leaving. It will be collected at the end of each service.
18. Everyone at the 9 AM service need to exit the building promptly so a volunteer cleaning crew can sanitize before the 11 AM service.

While we look forward to the day that we no longer have to implement such practices (and hopefully that will come soon) we ask that you help us in our endeavor to keep our church family, and our community, safe from this virus.

Let's all be our "Brother's Keeper" by following the guidelines for the near term and continue to pray that this will soon be unnecessary.

Thank you for your cooperation, and we look forward to being together again!

In His Service,  
The Elders

# AUDITORIUM BUILDING

West  
Parking  
Lot

Entry  
Points

