

HYBRID SUNDAYS AT UUCUC

Capacity

Sanctuary will hold 60 with distancing (every other row roped off, including the three rows in front of the pulpit; chairs at back appropriately spaced).

Members and friends will register online to attend in-person (Check out our DRAFT FORM here: <https://uucuc.org/worship/service-sign-up-landing-test/>). Admin will send out a weekly reminder to register for attendance at upcoming Sunday services, and reservations will close at 5:00 PM on the Saturday before or when capacity is reached.

Visitors, last minute guests, and walk-ins are welcome! At least 5 seats will be set aside every week for folks who did not register online.

The service will be livestreamed in Fellowship Hall, where approximately 30 people can sit and watch it on screen. This space will have its own online reservation form.

Music

Instrumental music and solo vocalists can perform live in the sanctuary.

Choral or other group vocal performances will be pre-recorded.

No all-congregation singing indoors at this time.

Religious Exploration and Engagement (REE)

Children and families are welcome to participate in the entirety of our Sunday services. At this time, no separate childcare will be provided on-site.

REE children's programming will take place after worship services on select Sundays, following the guidelines for safety outlined in the Reopening Framework.

Question for Discussion: Should UUCUC plan separate REE programming for vaccinated and unvaccinated children & youth, or plan on every gathering being mixed vaccine status?

Worship Changes

Services will be shorter, aiming for 45 min or less.

Masks covering the mouth and nose will be worn by everyone, with the exception of children under 2 years old, and the person currently speaking/singing at the pulpit.

Services will incorporate a mix of live elements and pre-recorded elements projected on screens.

Some familiar physical elements (printed Order of Service, candles of joy and sorrow, passing the basket, etc) will need to be flexible and will change as we find what works best.

Question for Discussion: A “second service” on Sunday afternoons or Wednesday evenings could be organized, screening the YouTube video in the sanctuary for anyone (up to 60 people) who couldn’t make it to the Sunday morning service. Is there interest in this second service? Would you be willing to help make it happen?

Fellowship Hour

Fellowship Hour will be outside on the South Lawn immediately following the service (11am), weather permitting.

All are welcome, not just those who attended the service in person.

Food and drink are allowed, and can be brought from home by individuals or pods.

Any supplies from the building (coffee, dishes, tables), will need volunteers to organize setup and cleanup. Otherwise, we’ll stick to bring-from-home only.

Online Fellowship Hour will continue to be an option.

Question for Discussion: For those participating in online Fellowship Hour, would you like it to continue immediately following the service, or at a different time?

AV and Tech

High quality air filters will be used in the Sanctuary (and Fellowship Hall as needed).

AV station will move into the back corner of the Sanctuary, or up into the Rood Loft.

[Proposed, pending board approval and budget considerations] Two TV screens will be installed high on the walls on either side of the stage, with 1 or 2 TVs on carts for better visibility in the back of the sanctuary.

Weekly Volunteer Roles

Door Greeters:

Will have access to the list of folks who pre-registered to attend, and will check off names as people arrive, welcoming them, giving them a mask if they don't have one, offering hand sanitizer, etc. Anyone not on the list should be treated as a visitor, welcomed warmly, helped with orientation to our space, given a name tag, etc. Greeters will also collect visitor's contact info, to allow for contact tracing if needed.

Ushers:

Will help folks find a seat in the sanctuary and navigate any accessibility needs. Will assist with distributing any printed materials, passing the basket, etc. If a collection is taken, ushers will work in pairs to count any money received and place it in the office safe.

Second Service Facilitator:

If we host later "second service" screenings of the Sunday service, a volunteer will need to help set up the screening and possibly facilitate interactive portions.

Fellowship Hall Facilitator:

If we have a "spillover" space for viewing a simulcast livestream in Fellowship Hall, someone will need to set that space up for viewing, plug in the screen, etc, and possibly facilitate interactive portions of the service.

Carpool to Church:

Care Core will likely be getting requests from our more isolated or less mobile members who wish to attend church in-person again but need help getting there and back home.

Chalice Lighter:

Participate in worship by lighting/extinguishing our chalice.

Bell Ringer:

Participate in worship by ringing the belltower bell at the beginning of the service.