



Reopening Plan

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Timing of Reopening

June 13

- Congregational Forum via Zoom, 12:15 p.m.
- Summer "Popsicle Hour" Kickoff, 2:00 p.m.

June 20

- Regathering Group for Inclusion & Belonging attends worship in-person to begin work of transition to hybrid worship

June 27

- Special Congregational Meeting via Zoom, 12:15 p.m.



Timing of Reopening

July & August

- Deacons and church leaders attend worship in person at 10:00 a.m. to acclimate, offer feedback, and recalibrate for fall reopening
(others will have the opportunity to attend Summer Worship to assist in reopening plans)
- Popsicle Hour every Sunday at 11:30 a.m. with time for individual prayer in the sanctuary, open to all
(BYO picnic lunch, weather permitting)

September 12: Regathering Sunday

- All are welcome to our reopened hybrid worship services in the sanctuary





Hybrid Structure: Fall 2021

(subject to change)

- 9:30 a.m.** Zoom Church School (*1st & 3rd Sundays*)
Zoom Adult Formation
- 10:15 a.m.** Choir Rehearsal in MJH
Worship Leaders' run-thru in Sanctuary
- 10:45 a.m.** Sanctuary doors open
Nursery open in Sage Hall
- 10:50 a.m.** Live-stream begins with pre-worship slides
- 11:00 a.m.** Hybrid Worship in Sanctuary
- 11:20 a.m.** Church School in-person (*most Sundays*)
- 12:15 p.m.** Fellowship Hour on lawn/in MJH
- 12:30 p.m.** Hybrid post-worship programs in MJH
(starting in October)

Practical & Theological Considerations

We believe in science.

- *We will follow CDC guidelines and city/state protocols for masking/distancing.*
- *Because we are a multigenerational community, we may take a more conservative stance.*

We are called by God to offer a radical welcome to all.

- *We strive to be accessible to all: in-person and remote, cautious and venturesome, local and afar.*
- *We are improving our technology in order to offer a similar experience of worship and programs, no matter where you are.*

We wish to offer our communal "first Sunday back" at a time when most can attend.

- *As many First Church folks travel in the summer, we want to wait until September for a powerful moment of shared celebration, grief, healing, and joy.*
- *Our "Regathering Group on Inclusion and Belonging" is meeting to plan for a reopening that is as consistent as possible with our Antiracist Vision and our Christian values of radical hospitality.*





Thank you for walking this journey of reopening together as a church community.

We appreciate your input and feedback along the way!

