

# Tapestry Re-Opening

**Tapestry will resume in-person worship in our sanctuary on Sunday June 20th.**

The purpose of this letter is to provide detailed information so you can make informed choices for yourself and your family. The re-opening team has worked hard to pave the way to reopening and we look forward to being together again soon.

**WORSHIP ONLINE** - Tapestry worship will still be available for viewing on zoom. Anyone who is not able to participate in person is encouraged to participate online.

**VACCINES** - To participate in worship at Tapestry, all people over the age of 16 must have been fully vaccinated at least two weeks prior to the event. As vaccines become available for children, we will likely require them to be vaccinated as well. Anyone who is unable to receive the vaccine is welcome to view worship online. This rule will be posted on the Tapestry doors, our website, Facebook, and on any other publicity.

**NAME TAGS** - Updated name tags will help identify who has shown proof of vaccination. Name tags will be on a rack outside to pick up on your way in. Visitors, or members who have not sent their proof of vaccination in advance, will be able to show their vaccination card to a designated greeter and receive a name tag for the day.

**MASKS** - Masks will be worn inside Tapestry's building by everyone except for children under 2 years of age. Masks will be available for anyone who needs one, but please be mindful of waste and remember to bring your own if you can. Speakers will remove their masks when speaking from the pulpit. The pulpit will be a safe distance away from the seating area and behind a clear plastic shield.

**WORSHIP MATERIALS** - All lyrics and readings will be posted on the screens in the sanctuary. A printed Order of Service with announcements will be available. Sharing Our Gifts will be collected by passing the basket as we did previously. There will be an opportunity to give online and a collection box outside the office door.

**MUSIC** - Music is an important part of our life together. Melissa is exploring different possibilities for safe musical performances. For now, the choir will not sing together and we will not sing hymns as a congregation. We will have music leaders and the congregation can hum along.

**FOOD** - Food and beverages will not be served at Tapestry for the time being. You are welcome to bring your own beverages or snacks to enjoy outside after the service.

**CHILDREN** - Children will participate in Tapestry as they did before. Families are invited to sit together in the sanctuary. After the Time For All Ages, children will head to their classes. Classes will be outdoors as weather permits. The nursery will be open for the youngest in our community.

**COMFORT** - Exterior doors will remain open to allow the flow of fresh air. The sanctuary may be warmer or cooler than we are accustomed to, so please dress accordingly.

We pledge that we will be transparent, responsive, and deliberate about how safety protocols evolve. The following have been our guiding principles for reopening:

- **Safety:** We will do our utmost to keep our people and the community safe. We will not contribute to community spread.
- **Community matters:** We value our community and being together. We will embrace all activities that foster the feeling of connection as soon as they are safe.
- **Pro-science:** We support vaccination for everyone who is able as this is a scientific, reasonable, and loving decision. We believe that vaccines are effective and trust the scientists who have worked on them.

As new information is released by the CDC and as we achieve 70% vaccination rates in Orange County our practices will evolve. Our aim is to communicate exactly what to expect on Sunday morning so that everyone can make informed decisions about their own health and safety.