



August 27, 2020

*"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these." - Mark 12:30-31*

Northminster church family and friends,

Words can't express how much I've missed gathering together over the past several months. And while it's been wonderful to watch us come together to support one another and serve our community, I'm thrilled to announce that we can do some of that in person soon.

Our church leadership has decided, after careful prayer and consideration, for us to regather for in-person, outdoor worship, in a limited capacity, starting on **Sunday, September 13**, with online worship continuing at 8, 9:30 & 11am.

For months, we've prayed about the right time to regather and asked God for the wisdom to do it safely. We'll continue to lean on him and on each other as we remain patient and work together to follow social distancing guidelines upon regathering.

Our service will be at **7am in the Children's Courtyard**, and a few things will be different. All of the details are on [this page](#), but here are the fast facts:

- Same message, scripture and theme, but outdoors with songs of praise led from the heart.
- Please keep your babies and kids with you. We are not able to offer childcare for now.
- We will keep a safe distance from one another by seating each family six feet apart.
- We need everyone to [pre-register](#) for services to give us time to prepare to accommodate you.
- We will wear masks. No one loves them, but we ask you to please wear them while at church.
- We will limit touch by not serving coffee or cookies, or passing the offering plate.
- We encourage you to download the YouVersion Bible App for digital versions of our bulletin, connect card, order of worship, Bible, sermon notes, and online giving options.

If you are not feeling well, showing symptoms of illness, considered high-risk or just not comfortable returning to church right now, please continue to [join us online](#).

The circumstances aren't ideal, but like many of the storms we face in life, they are temporary. We look forward to being reunited soon. And with this additional and careful in-person service, we hope God's Spirit will refresh you.

*"I have the right to do anything," you say - but not everything is beneficial. "I have the right to do anything" - but not everything is constructive. No one should seek their own good, but the good of others." - 1 Cor. 10:23-24*

In Christ,

Andrew Ross, Pastor

As we plan for our continued journey and these limited gatherings, it would help us to know how you and your family plan to attend...

Please take this brief [survey](#) to help us as we plan the regathering process.