



CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

What to Expect: Sunday Worship Service

As we meet together indoors, we want to provide you a summary of what we're doing to prepare for worship, and what you may expect when you arrive. We worship together in spirit. Those who are worshipping with us in person may notice some of the changes that we have implemented to minimize your risk of exposure to coronavirus.

- The facilities have been deep cleaned and sanitized. We will maintain the cleanliness of the facilities to minimize the potential spread of infections through additional cleanings following each worship.
- We will practice social distancing as much as practical. Except for family groups, we will maintain a space of six feet between individuals. Some pews will be roped off. Ushers may direct you in order to preventing crowding. And rather than gathering in the foyer following worship, we'll meet outside.
- Ushers may take your temperature (contact free) as you enter.
- We will require face masks covering your nose and mouth while in the building. Even if you may not want to wear one at all times, we request that you do so in consideration of others. While on the platform, the pastor and worship team may remove their masks.
- Our worship services will be contact free. The hugs and handshakes that we love will be replaced with waves, nods, and other greetings. Bibles and song books have been removed from the pews, so please bring your own bible. We will not distribute communion or offering plates, but we will have contact free options available. We also will not hand out bulletins and other information, with limited exceptions.
- We will continue to provide announcements and other information through our website, Facebook page, emails, and phone calls.
- Hand sanitizers will be available in several places throughout the building. If you bring your own, we request that they be fragrance-free and do not contain almond extracts, as some of us have allergies to these.

These are not normal times, and this is not the “new normal”. We recognize that coronavirus poses an ongoing risk and many of us are at higher risk if we’re exposed. So for some time to come, we will **not** have some of our usual activities, including Children’s worship and nursery, potluck fellowships, and other indoor group gatherings.

We will continue to have Sunday School and various Bible studies online available by phone or Zoom. And for those of us at higher risk, we are continuing to work to improve our online experience through improvements in worship. We are looking into better lighting and audio, live streaming, and other ways we can interact while we cannot all be together.

Should there be a case of COVID among our congregation, or one of the other congregations meeting in our building, we are developing a response plan and will communicate with you when this occurs.

Why are we going to all this trouble?

Because we are each made in the image of God and we want to join with all creation in praising Him. We will say of the Lord, “He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust” (Psalm 91:2)

So whether you will be worshipping with those at the church building or with those of us online, we will share in joy by “being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind” (Philippians 2:2).

May God bless each of you.