

August 2020



Dear Congregation,

With great anticipation we have been planning on opening the church building to meet together in person for worship. That service will be Sunday, September 6. This will be part of Phase I for the relaunch of various in-person ministries at Bethel.

We have put some protocols in place so that we can worship together in as safe a manner as possible. We understand that not everyone will feel ready to join with others for worship and want to assure you that we will continue to live stream for that very reason.

For those that wish to attend worship in person, please observe the following guidelines:

1. If you are feeling unwell (cough, fever, etc.) please refrain from attending.
2. You will need to register online ahead of time. This is because attendance logs are mandatory by Alberta Health guidelines, and because our seating capacity is limited to around 100 people.
3. The doors will open at 9:30 a.m. for our 10:00 a.m. service. Entrance will be by the main doors only.
4. As per the City of Edmonton's bylaw, wearing a mask while in the building will be required. We will have some masks available, but request that you bring your own if possible.
5. Ushers will seat you. Please practice physical distancing (2 meters/six feet apart) at all times while at church unless with people in your own family or cohort.
6. Children must stay with their parents at all times.
7. Singing is permitted as everyone attending will be wearing masks through the duration of the service.
8. The washrooms on the main level will be available for use.
9. Hand sanitizer is available at the entry and exit doors and should be used upon entry and exit.
10. The ushers will guide everyone out of the sanctuary at the end of the service row by row, starting from the back. (Please note: AHS strongly discourages visiting outside of your cohort. If you choose to visit outside, please keep physical distancing in mind.)

Please continue to keep leadership and our church as a whole in your prayers as we journey through this new COVID-19 landscape together. We will continue to discern possibilities for future phases as this fall unfolds. If you have any comments, questions, or concerns please call Wendy at the church office (780-476-3762) or email [wendy@discover.bethel.com](mailto:wendy@discover.bethel.com).

May God's grace and peace be with you!