

Regathering Plan



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After a lot of prayer, careful consideration, and seeking of wise counsel about our congregation size and our current facility limitations, we have put together a plan for when we will gather in person again. While we want nothing more than to worship with you in person, we want to continue to make wise decisions for our church in each phase. The dates in this plan correspond with the series we will be working through in the next couple months.

Step One: Home Gatherings » *May 31 - July 18*

Our first step back towards meeting in person again is encouraging Home Gatherings. A Home Gathering consists of a few people from Integrity meeting at one house to watch the service and reflect together. This allows for limited community based on the capacity of you and your family. More information about Home Gatherings can be found on the next page including how to start a home gathering and how to facilitate the time together.

Step Two: In Person Gatherings Begin » *July 19*

Our goal is to regather in person at the building on July 19. This is obviously subject to change based on the status of the virus as we enter the month of July. We will be sending out additional details regarding the in-person service as the date approaches.



HOW TO START A HOME GATHERING

Starting a Home Gathering is as simple as inviting a few people over to your house to watch the service together. You do not need to create a sign-up form, and anybody can start one! We encourage you to respect the guidelines set in place for gatherings in a house. At the time of this document, the max is 10 people, though that could change as Phase Three approaches. You do not have to gather on Sunday morning if the afternoon or evening works better for your group.

You are not required to join a group! If you feel uncomfortable leaving the house, or it would be too difficult to manage with kids, you can still join us from your own home during the online service.

So, in summary, the starting a Home Gathering includes:

1. Choosing a time to watch the service on Sunday
2. Inviting a few people over to watch the service with you

HOW TO FACILITATE A HOME GATHERING

Facilitating a Home Gathering includes setting up a space to watch the service, setting up the service video on your TV, watching the service, taking communion (optional. details below), and reflecting on the sermon together.

Setting up a space

Make sure you have enough seats for the people you've invited. Check with your neighbors about parking if necessary. Make sure your Wifi is capable of streaming the service on your device.

Communion

If your group is comfortable taking communion together, you can set out some bread and juice on the coffee table. You are not required to take communion at your Home Gathering. If you feel uncomfortable sharing bread and juice due to germs, you are free to wait on taking communion until there are less risks.

Reflection

Each week, we will put up a few reflection questions at the end of the sermon. This is a good opportunity for your group to discuss what you learned from the sermon and how you can apply these truths in your life.



FAQ

Other churches are opening already. Why are we choosing to be different?

There are many variables that go into a Sunday morning gathering, especially during this time. Each church operates at a different capacity based on congregation size and demographic as well as limitations around building size and volunteer availability. In addition, we want to approach regathering at a careful, intentional timeline. For these reasons, we've decided to wait until July when we complete our series in the Psalms to regather.

Are Home Gatherings the same thing as Small Groups?

No. Although you may choose to invite members of your Small Group over for your Home Gathering, it is not meant to be an extension of Small Groups. Anybody can host and/or facilitate a Home Gathering.

Will the services still be available online even if I'm not in a Home Gathering?

Yes. We will not be changing the way we are currently recording the services. They will still be available on YouTube and Facebook every Sunday morning at 10, regardless of whether you are in a Home Gathering or not.

What about childcare at our Home Gathering?

If you have children in your Home Gathering, you might consider taking turns watching them in another room. If they are old enough to sit with you and watch the service, you could do that as well.

When will we receive more details about gathering in person?

We will be sending regular updates over the next few weeks as we prepare for gathering in person again. There will need to be guidelines and precautionary procedures that go into making the live service happen, and we will work hard to keep you updated.