

Linthicum Heights UMC

Making Disciples Who Make Disciples

Welcoming All – Growing Together – Making a Difference

Outdoor Worship: What to Expect!

Worship with us on Sunday mornings at 8:30am on the front lawn of the church. Bring a blanket or a chair to sit on. If the sun is of concern, bring an umbrella. If you do not feel comfortable attending in person, we have two options for your consideration: First, you can join us online at 10:00am from the comfort of your home. Secondly, you can join us from the comfort of your car as you tune in to our FM transmitter (98.3). We will have a limited number of parking spaces available for those who pre-register that will receive the transmission.

What You Need to Know:

- Registration is **required** to attend Outdoor Worship. Register on our website at LHUMC.org or leave a message on the office phone if you do not have internet. Registration will open each week on Monday mornings. Pre-registering helps us with our required contact tracing, gets you to your seat quicker, and helps us plan for appropriate physical distancing requirements. If you are unable to pre-register, we will not turn you away unless we reach our physical distancing capacity. Please register early in the week to help us with planning. Thank you.
- Outdoor Worship is weather dependent and will be canceled due to inclement weather or excessive heat. Cancellation decisions will be made the morning of and posted on LHUMC.org and LHUMC's Facebook page by 6:30am. (For those who do not have internet, a phone call will be made as early as possible. Your notification is dependent on pre-registration.)
- We will not offer Sunday School for adults, youth, or children and we will not have a nursery at Outdoor Worship. We will continue to offer on-line Sunday School for children and Senior High youth.

Safety is our First Priority:

- Check-in is **required** at one of the two Welcome Centers before being guided to your seat by a Safety Angel.
- Temperature pre-screening is **required** at the Welcome Center. If your temperature registers above 100.4, you will be asked to participate online, or, if we have an available space, listen over our FM transmitter in your car.
- **Face Masks are required. Face Masks must be worn properly, per CDC guidelines. (This means your mouth and nose are covered.)**
- Physical distancing of 6' is **required** and sidewalks/seating areas will be marked accordingly.
- We will train Safety Angels to guide and assist when necessary. They will be identifiable by their safety yellow t-shirts.
- Our traffic patterns will be one-way where possible.
- We will have hand sanitizing stations for your use.

- **You may bring water, but a straw is required. Drinking through a straw allows you to keep your Face Mask on.**
- This will be a "contactless service." We will not shake hands, hug, exchange printed materials, or pass an offering plate.
- We will provide offering drop-off locations at each of the Welcome Centers; however, we still encourage giving online as the preferred method of giving.
- Outdoor Worship will be canceled if it starts to rain or a lightning strike occurs within 8 miles of our location during Outdoor Worship.
- When the service is over, you will be excused by one of our Safety Angels.
- For safety reasons, the church building will be closed except for bathroom access. Bathroom access will be dependent on your seating location and limited by Safety Angels. Access points will be identified by your Safety Angel.
- **Once you are seated, please remain in your seat unless you have assistance from a Safety Angel. (Raise your hand for this assistance.)**
- There will be no access through the building from the back parking lot.

Before You Arrive:

Please be familiar with CDC guidelines for [People Who Are at Increased Risk for Severe Illness](#).

Please affirm that everyone in your group answers "no" to the following questions:

- Have I or someone in my group had a fever over 100.4 in the past 14 days?
- Have I or someone in my group experienced any flu like symptoms in the past 14 days?
- Have I or someone in my group had prolonged exposure to someone who has tested positive for Covid-19 in the last 14 days?
- Have I or someone in my group traveled to a hot spot in the last 14 days?
- Are there any medical reasons why I or someone in my group should not be around other people?

If you answer "yes" to any of these questions, you may not attend Outdoor Worship until you have been cleared by a negative COVID-19 test or by a health provider, and answered the secondary list of questions per our protocols.

A Look Toward the Future:

Please be aware that protocols could change at any time due to COVID-19. We will continue to monitor best practices from the CDC and other governmental organizations as we make decisions that affect us all.

We hope to offer more events, including face to face Indoor Worship at some point in the future. Our focus remains to keep our faith community healthy and safe. We will keep you updated as decisions are made.