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To the Body of Christ at Cherry Creek,

Good Afternoon! This is the day the Lord has made! We're rejoicing that the Session has voted to reopen our church for in-person services on Saturday evenings, starting June 20th at 6:30 pm. We will meet in a social-distanced way outside in the Cherry Bowl with 150 people, fulfilling the State's church meeting requirements. We will also continue our on-line service (without a congregation) from the Worship Center on Sundays at 9:30 am. You can continue to worship with us from your homes on Sunday. Sermons and music will be, in most ways, the same in both services.

Why are we meeting outdoors, and on Saturday evening and not Sunday morning?

This type of worship service allows us to accomplish some key goals:

- 1) To continue our on-line worship at 9:30 am Sunday (which is still for most of the congregation)
- 2) To have more than 50 people worshipping in-person (the current indoor limit)
- 3) To set up two worship spaces more easily, including chairs, worship and audio equipment
- 4) To keep the chairs for seating in the afternoon shade

See you at Cherry Bowl Worship!



Staff prepping for Cherry Bowl Worship at noon this week.

The staff has been working on this outdoor service for many weeks. We have needed to order some new equipment, rent some tents, lay out a registration system, and buy supplies. We have set up chairs to count, figured spacing for safety and shading, and looked at parking and people movement.

To meet the State's requirements, we will ask some specific things from those who are going to attend:

- Please register – Our attendance is limited to 150 people (at least at first).
 - **Registration will open tomorrow at 12 pm on the [website](#) and in the [Week@Creek!](#)**
- If you are sick or [at-risk](#) please do not attend.
- Arrive at 6:00 pm or so (it will take a few minutes to get seated)
- Maintain social distance between all households.
- As you are able, please wear masks.

- Follow signs and instructions for movement while entering and exiting worship.
- Please do not shake hands or congregate closely together.

We recognize that there may be many more than 150 people who are eager to worship together in person. Please be patient and gracious with one another and consider selecting only one of the two services for June so as many people have a chance to attend as possible. If you are uncomfortable with any of this, please worship with us Sunday on-line at 9:30. Sadly, there are no perfect answers in this season. Meeting like this will stretch us a bit. But we believe that starting the process back to in-person worship is critical, and that we can “make a joyful noise to the Lord” in worship in the Cherry Bowl. Our plan is to try praising God on Saturdays at 6:30 pm for a few weeks and continue to reevaluate. A “nimble experiment” is the phrase we are using.

We hope you will consider joining us! We’re all working hard to make this in-person service:

- As safe as possible
- As worshipful and joyful as possible
- As smooth, easy, and comfortable for those attending as possible
- As reasonable on our staff as possible
- As good a witness as is possible

Keep praying for us as we work to return to a more normal worship life! You are valuable to us!

Serving a Living Jesus,

Brad

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brad", with a stylized, cursive script.