

# REGATHERING PLAN FOR GRACE CHURCH YORKTOWN JULY 2020

**Please note:** While we are eager to see EVERYONE, we ask you to observe distancing, safety protocols, spacing and directional markers. There will be check-in stations where attendance will be registered, screening questions addressed and masks verified.

We also ask anyone in the “high risk” category to consider their personal safety and stay home as necessary. You will be truly missed!

**Answers to all your questions can be found below:**

**Where?** Gatherings will initially take place in the churchyard on the south side of our historic church.

**When?** We will begin our regathering at 6 p.m. Sunday, July 12, with our second gathering at 6 p.m. Sunday, July 19. Then, beginning July 25, we will gather at 6 p.m. on **Saturdays**. If weather prevents a Saturday gathering, we will gather at 6 p.m. the following day, Sunday.

**Who?** Everyone is welcome, provided they can satisfy the screening questions.

**Do I need to sign up in advance?** No. Signups are not required.

**Where do I park?** The church lot will be reserved for those with mobility challenges. Others may use public parking around Yorktown. All may use the church lot to drop off passengers, supplies and so forth. *Please note: Yorktown is very busy on the weekends. Thus, you may be parking farther from the church with a 10-15 minute walk.*

**How do I enter the gathering?** From the church parking lot, walk towards the east (Parish Hall) access to the churchyard. There will be a check-in station where your attendance will be registered, screening questions addressed and masks verified. Please observe distancing/safety protocols, physical distancing, directional markers and all instructions from volunteer staff.

**What about hand sanitizing?** There will be hand sanitizing stations available as you enter and leave the churchyard. Please make liberal use of them!

**Do I need a mask?** Yes! Please bring your own.

**Where do I sit/stand?** Areas for worshippers will be clearly marked with survey paint at appropriate distances. Family groups\* may sit/stand together in an area between two markers. (*\*Family groups are defined as people who live in the same house.*)

**Do I need a chair?** Yes, if you would like to sit down during the service. You will need to bring your own chair. The service will be 30-45 minutes long. So, if you feel you can comfortably stand for that long, you will not need a chair.



**Will the restrooms be available?** No. The building will not be open during the service. There are Park Service facilities located nearby on Church Street just south of Main Street.

**What will we do when we gather?** Our time together will be a casual, less formal worship. It will consist of three parts:

1. Opening and Food – You are invited to bring a picnic, snacks, and/or beverages. The officiant will bless the food and we will begin eating. PLEASE DO NOT SHARE FOOD WITH OTHERS. While food is being enjoyed, we will move into the second part.
2. Reflection and Sharing – The officiant will offer a reflection and invite worshippers to share with the gathering. A microphone will be set up so all can hear what is shared.
3. Prayers and Closing – The officiant will close the gathering with prayers.

**Will there be communion?** No. There are safety concerns with communion that cannot be addressed at this time.

**What about the offering?** Offering plates will be available on stands as you enter and leave. Please continue to support your church during this difficult time.

**Where do I leave?** We will exit via the west (church entrance) access to the churchyard or across the Park Service lawn. Those parked in the church lot will exit through the east (parish hall) access. Please remember *physical distancing* to minimize bottlenecks. Pay attention to directions of the ushers as you exit.

**What if the weather is bad?** As noted above, we plan to meet on Saturdays (beginning July 26) with the following Sunday being the rain day.

**Will there continue to be a livestream/online service?** Yes! Our Sunday, 10 a.m. Facebook livestream service (posted on YouTube afterwards) will continue as before!

**I have a question that's not answered; what do I do?** We have tried to anticipate all questions, but realize we may not have considered everything. Please contact the office, 898-3261, between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday.