



St. James Episcopal Church

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Love your neighbor as yourself - Matthew 22:37-39

Beloved of St. James,

I know it's been a **long four months**. I know so many of us want to "be" with one another in our sacred, beautiful space. That time will come; just not yet.

However, after careful thought, consideration and counsel from the re-opening committee, I invite you to join us for an outdoor morning prayer worship service on Sunday, August 9th at 9am to be held in the backyard of a parishioner's home here in New London. Further detail and directions will follow.

If you would like to participate in this "in-person" outdoor worship, please notify our parish administrator, Ellen Merrill, by calling (860) 443-4989 or e-mailing her at parishoffice@stjamesnl.org by Tuesday, August 4th. Please let her know how many people from your family plan to attend, as we will need to limit the amount of gathered people. Moreover, if you are 65 years or older or have an underlying health condition, I continue to urge caution. The re-opening committee will evaluate whether to continue, alter or discontinue outdoor in-person worship after we receive feedback from gathered parishioners.

For those of you who would like worship virtually, we will continue with our Zoom service; but on August 9th that will begin at 10:30am.

Finally, I invite you to carefully read the enclosed in-person worship protocol given to us by the Episcopal Church in Connecticut. If you cannot abide by the protocol, I encourage you to virtually worship with us.

If you have questions regarding the aforementioned information, feel free to give me a call in the office.

I look forward to "seeing you" soon.

In Christ,
Ranjit

WELCOME TO ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH
COVID Screening Checklist for Outdoor Worship Attendees

The Greatest Commandment says, "Love the Lord your God ... and love your neighbor as yourself" (Matt. 22:37-39, NIV). During this pandemic, love for ourselves is expressed in the ways we protect ourselves from getting infected. In the same way, love for our neighbor is expressed in the ways we protect them from getting infected.

I confirm that I, as well as all members of my household:

1. Have not been diagnosed with COVID-19 within the past 14 days.
2. Am not waiting for the results of a laboratory test for COVID-19.
3. Have not knowingly been exposed to anyone diagnosed with COVID-19 nor have I been asked to self-isolate in the last 14 days.
4. Currently do not have a fever now nor have I had a fever in the last 14 days.
5. Have not traveled out of the country or to a COVID "hot zone" in the last 14 days
6. Do not have any of the following COVID-19 symptoms:
 - ✓ Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - ✓ Digestive Issues (diarrhea, vomiting)
 - ✓ Coughing
 - ✓ Flu like symptoms (Sore Throat, Headache, Fatigue, Chills or Body Aches/Pains)
 - ✓ Recent loss of taste or smell

I understand that I, as well as members of my household over the age of five will be required to wear a mask, allow for temperature checks and follow established physical and social distancing protocols at all times. Each attendee should provide their own chair for seating.

I understand that I as well as members of my household may be denied entry into St. James Church should I or a member of my household have a positive COVID-19 diagnosis, exposure or symptoms, including a fever above 100° F.