Return to Worship Outline

On August 11th the Healthy Church Team of Bethel UMC approved the following plan for resuming limited in-person worship: *a once a month service of Sacrament and Sermon with further details outlined below. This monthly service would be in addition to our weekly online worship, not replacing it.*

* In-person to occur once a month in Sanctuary
* Aim for 45-minute service to end with celebration of Communion
* Sample liturgy:
  + Prelude
  + Welcome & Opening prayer
  + Scripture & ~10-minute sermon (different Scripture and message from Sunday morning online service)
  + Great Thanksgiving/Communion liturgy
  + Benediction
  + Postlude
* Observe social distancing
  + 80 max attendance
  + Seating in every other pew on the ends of each pew
  + Ushers guide congregants to their seat
* Masks required
* Open all windows and doors to facilitate air flow
* Health Acknowledgement process
  + Online form available
  + Utilize Entryway Health Acknowledgment with greeter collecting contact info
* No singing; music on piano as prelude and postlude plus one song between Sermon and Communion
* Single serving elements, people take as they leave the sanctuary and consume in their vehicles or at home
  + Have offering plate next to communion elements
* Have blessed communion elements available for an hour after the service for members who elect not to come in-person to pick up
* If weather permits: option to hold service outside with potential soloist and consuming communion elements within the worship area
* May livestream this service in order to test and perfect our ability to livestream Sunday morning worship service at a later time
* No childcare; children who can wear masks are invited to attend the worship service so long as they keep their masks on for the duration of the service
* Date to begin: August 23rd at 4 pm
* Volunteers needed:
  + Ushers
  + Greeter for Health Acknowledgment
  + Altar Guild to reset chancel and prepare communion elements