

# SAN MARINO CONGREGATIONAL UCC IN-PERSON PROTOCOL

## CONCERNING OUR IN-PERSON SERVICES:

As we return to our in-person services of worship, your Leadership Team has provided helpful guidance for how we shall conduct our services and ourselves as we come together in the safest way possible.

Until further notice, congregational singing and congregational participation in the liturgy (i.e., our antiphonal Call to Worship) will be conducted in congregational silence while our liturgist and song leader speak or sing aloud. You are welcome to “lip synch” behind your mask, but, at this time, we’re asking for no verbal or auditory participation.

To mitigate the spreading of any virus, the Leadership Team is asking that **all persons attending in person services be fully vaccinated and wear a mask at all times they are on the grounds of the church, whether inside or outside.** The Team has also instigated the following safety measures:

1. An offering basket will be provided just inside the sanctuary doors for your offerings to the church. Offering baskets will not be passed during the service.
2. A hand sanitizer station will be available inside the doors leading into the Narthex from outside. Each person is encouraged to use the station upon entering.
3. All persons are asked to continue to wear their masks throughout the entirety of the service, including when meeting one another outside of the church.
4. Four high quality air purifiers have been purchased and installed in the sanctuary and will be in operation before, during and immediately following the service of worship.
5. Plexiglass shields have been installed in front of the lectern and the pulpit so that those leading worship will be able to remove their masks when they are speaking or singing.

As we have heard, there are those who are not comfortable attending in-person worship even with these safety protocols in place. We are committed to providing a taped presentation of the service and hope to have it available each Sunday as soon as possible after the live service of worship.

We will have another experimental service on September 5 before our full Kick Off Sunday service of worship on September 12, 2021. The services will be available online later in the day each Sunday – did we mention these will be experimental 😊?

## Regarding Sunday Social Time

Please note that the Leadership Team has decided to not have a “formal” indoor social time until later in the year. Meanwhile, please feel free to socialize OUTSIDE of the sanctuary after the service while continuing to wear your mask.