



After thoughtful consideration, the Re-Opening Team recommends that we move to a mask optional status at BLC, including during worship, effective this Sunday, June 26th. We are learning to live alongside the COVID-19 virus. As a church community, our continued obligation is to care for one another; particularly the most vulnerable among us. While we recognize there is no single action that will eliminate transmission, we continue to prioritize reducing risk (and therefore caring for our neighbor) in the following ways:

- self-monitoring and staying home if we are experiencing symptoms
- continuing livestream worship and virtual options for church events
- making KN95 or surgical masks available to all who enter our worship space
- utilizing our upgraded air exchange in the sanctuary
- continuing with our current practices for communion
- practicing social distancing as much as possible
- consistently washing and sanitizing our hands

We will adjust our practices if or when needed, including requiring masks again if the situation warrants.

The Re-Opening Team will continue to meet regularly to evaluate our practices and adjust expectations as needed. We are grateful for a congregation that continually cares for one another, particularly those that are most vulnerable. If you have questions or concerns about this decision, please speak with a pastor or any member of the Re-Opening Team: Bob Stolze, Julie Owen, Rick Walker, Matt Beutel, Brian Edwards, Kristina Henry, Margie Gaul & Pastor Amy.