

Order of Service – October 25, 2020

Pastoral Greeting

Call to Worship: Psalm 96:1-3 (page 499)

Invocation

* Psalm: 96C

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 1 (page 448)

New Testament Reading: Luke 13:22-30 (page 872)

Prayer of Repentance and Praise for God's Mercy

* Psalm: 119A

Sermon Title & Text: *Decisions, Decisions* - Matthew 7:13-29 (page 812)

* Psalm: 1A

Pastoral Prayer

* Psalm: 72F

* Pastoral Blessing

* = **PLEASE STAND IF ABLE**

➤ The Session has adopted a policy of alternating weeks where all except small children are requested to wear masks while in the church building (including the worship service) and where concession is given to those who have issues of conscience with mask wearing during worship.

1. This Lord's Day we will be requesting that concession be given to those who have issues of conscience with mask wearing during worship. Next Lord's Day, we will be requesting that all who attend wear masks.

2. To maintain physical distancing, the downstairs will be set up for our most vulnerable members and those most concerned about catching or transmitting COVID-19. Chairs will be set up and a video feed will be provided. Please wear a mask if you go into the fellowship hall downstairs during worship to protect those who are vulnerable to serious illness or death from COVID-19.

3. We will continue to provide the Zoom link each week for those not comfortable being together inside the church building because of the risk of catching or transmitting COVID-19.

➤ We will not be passing an offering plate. If you will be giving this Lord's Day, please deposit your giving in the prayer request box in the back of the auditorium.

➤ We will also be holding a brief meeting during our normally scheduled sermon discussion and Confession study time to address existing concerns in the congregation regarding our Covid-19 policy. To maximize in person attendance, we will be giving extra time between the close of service and the start of the meeting. Likewise, we are asking all participating in the meeting to wear a mask. The meeting will also be available through Zoom. We will take some time to discuss the sermon first.

➤ The Heidelberg Catechism study will meet via Zoom this Thursday at 7:00 PM. We will be doing Lord's Day 45 on prayer, and if time permits Lord's Day 46, which begins the study of the Lord's Prayer.

➤ Morgan Salisbury will be hosting a Harvest Party at the church building on Saturday, October 31st from 4:30pm to 7:30pm. Costumes are requested, but not required. The event will feature 6 candy stations at which kids can "trick-or-treat," some outdoor games and activities, as well as coffee, cider, donuts, and other snacks. There will also be card and board games in the church basement for any older kids/adults who are interested in attending. Masks will not be required in the church basement. Bathrooms will be available for use.

In the event of bad weather, rather than moving candy stations indoors, we will just cancel the East Rochester community aspect of the event and will have some games and snacks in the basement for church attendees. If you plan to attend, please consider bringing a snack, beverage, or game to share.

Morgan will need about 5 volunteers to help set up, run candy stations, etc. Volunteers can be staggered--no one will be expected to stay for the entire duration of the event. Volunteers to set up will be asked to arrive by 3:30pm. Please contact Morgan at (585) 317-1056 if you have any questions or suggestions or want to help.