

## WORSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES for MARCH 4, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. Jane Felsentreger offered the opening prayer. Those in attendance were Pastor Teklu, Kate Hausner, Sandi Corwin, Charlie Frater, Michelle Angeli, Carol Cook, Jackie Abend, Cyndie Dixon, and Jane Felsentreger. Charlton Henry arrived late.

Report of the Reopening Committee was given by Jane Felsentreger.

St. Paul's will reopen for in-service worship on Maundy Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. The service will be primarily a Traditional service and will be fully live streamed. Music will be organ and St. Pauli's Girls. The order of the service and words to the hymns will be projected on the screens. Congregational singing with masks on will be permitted. The streaming of the service will end with the stripping of the altar. Then those attending the service will receive communion and leave the church quietly.

St. Paul's will be open for in-service worship on Good Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. The service will be primarily Contemporary and will be fully live streamed. Music will be provided by the band "Whatever". The band members will be unmasked. The congregation are permitted to sing with their masks on. The order of service and words to the songs will be projected on the screens. No communion is offered on Good Friday.

St. Paul's will open for Easter service, April 4<sup>th</sup>, with both a Traditional and Contemporary service. The Traditional Service will begin at 8:15 a.m. and will not be a live stream, but will be recorded for viewing later that day. Ushers wearing gloves will offer all attendees a one-page service bulletin. This bulletin will also be available on our website to use at home or if you want to print it out and bring it with you please do so. Music will be provided primarily by the organ and St. Pauli's Girls. The congregation will be permitted to sing with masks on. Hymnals will be located in the pews. The words for the service and hymns may or may not be projected on the screens. Communion will be offered in the church, but not included in the video of the service.

The Contemporary Service will begin at 10:30 a.m. and will be fully live streamed. All service information will be projected on the screens in church and on the live video feed. Music will be provided by the band performing live and

they will not be masked. Attendees may sing but must remain masked. Communion will be offered in church, but not on the live stream. At the time communion begins, the live stream will cut to a prerecorded benediction and dismissal.

The Worship Committee made a review of each sub-committee's responsibilities for the Easter services.

**Altar Guild** will decorate the church as always with lilies at the altar and pew candles with flowers. The youth will provide colored "Alleluias" and butterflies for the side and back walls of the church. The Guild will participate in the stripping of the altar on Maundy Thursday. Since communion will be administered after the Maundy Thursday service ends the guild will provide Pastor with the necessities to administer communion. Jackie encourages everyone to download the order for flowers on the email and make an order.

Jane will provide the services with **readers and ushers**. Readers for 8:15 a.m. service must be live only; readers for 10:30 a.m. can be live or prerecorded. Two ushers are needed for each service – one at the front door and one in the nave. An additional person is needed to sign people in. The signing in of people is the way attendance is taken at this time.

Sandi Corwin will begin the task to provide **acolytes** for all the services.

It was decided to have people **pre-register for attendance** on Easter Sunday, but everyone will be welcome. Michelle Angeli will handle the preregistering. One side of the church will be open for families only using every other pew. The other side will make all pews available for singles and/or duos.

The church pews must be wiped down with Clorox wipes at the end of the service. The people sitting in the pew will be responsible wiping down the pew. A can will be made available for disposing of the wipe. After using the Clorox wipe they must wash their hands with soap and water.

Be advised that as we prepare for these in-services, changes are being made to improve the worship experience.

## New Business

The Board of Directors assigned the task of setting the times for the Sunday schedule to the Worship Committee.

Jane reported that Pastor asked for one hour for both the traditional and contemporary worship services. He also asked for 40-45 minutes for Sunday School/Adult Bible Study. Bonnie Weinhold requested 45 minutes for Sunday School. Judy Tribbly, Education Chairman, requested an hour between services. Penny Courtney, Fellowship Chairman, offered the suggestion of 30 minutes for fellowship. Michelle requested that the Contemporary Service begin at 10:30 a.m., because some of the musicians in the band need to leave in time to get their children to afternoon activities.

With all the above information the members of the committee made the following decision.

Traditional Service 8:15 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Contemporary Service 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Jane made the point several times that the only way this schedule will work is that we start each service and/or Sunday School/Adult Bible Study on time and end on time.

In regard to coffee and fellowship, the committee felt that this activity could be continuous throughout the morning. The coffee will not begin on April 4<sup>th</sup>, but at a later date. Fellowship may occur outside after the services.

Pastor Teklu offered a closing prayer.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Felsentreger, Worship Committee Chair