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Dear Covenant,

After more than a year apart, it is my pleasure to invite you home once again for in-person worship. Beginning Sunday, April 25, you are invited to worship outdoors and in-person at Covenant at 9am. We will be gathering outside the North entrance of the church. You are welcome to bring a lawn chair and sit on the lower portion of our driveway, or to remain in your car. For those in chairs, we will cluster family groups together at a safe distance and please remember to wear a mask. These safety measures should greatly mitigate the risk of virus spread, but please note *there is always a risk in gathering with others.* If you are uncomfortable with gathering in-person, we will also have a weekly online service at 10:30am livestreamed from the sanctuary on our [YouTube](#) and [Facebook](#) pages.

Here are a few things to keep in mind on April 25 and in the Sundays to follow:

- Please plan to arrive at least 20 minutes before the service begins. Parking attendants will direct in and out of our lot. See enclosed map for where to enter the parking lot.
- Please do not arrive before 8:15am.
- If you plan to sit outside, please bring a lawn chair. As needed, we will provide a chair for you.
- A hospitality team will be present to welcome you and answer any questions you may have.
- We ask that you avoid using the restroom if you are able. If you need a restroom, a hospitality member will direct you.
- Please remember to keep your mask on (over nose and mouth) at all times.
- If there is inclement weather, the decision to cancel the service will be made by 8am. We will announce the decision via Facebook, email and the website. The online service will still be at 10:30am.

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- Children are most welcome at the 9am service! Children will stay with their families for the entire service. We ask those 3 years and up to wear a mask.
- If you require transportation to the 9am service, email covenant@coventantpcusa.org by Wednesday each week, and we will work toward providing it. We may not be able to provide it immediately but will down the road.
- We have never hosted a service of this kind before in a pandemic. We expect there will be bumps along the way and ask for your patience.

As we come together for worship, we do so with different expectations and disappointments. Much has changed over this past year. While there is joy in our reunion, there is also grief over what's been lost. I encourage you to bring your whole-self back to worship. There is enough grace here for us all. For my part, I am excited to meet more of you and begin writing a new chapter of Covenant together.

One Struggle to Love,

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