



## **GATEWAY CHURCH IS GATHERING TOGETHER AGAIN**

**SUNDAY | JUNE 7<sup>TH</sup> | 10:00 AM**

*Dear Gateway Church Family,*

*We are excited to announce that we will be worshipping together again beginning this Sunday, June 7. After a significant amount of prayer and preparation, we are ready to safely open our church facility.*

*We recognize that during these past weeks, there have been many different perspectives on how to proceed. Please understand that we want everyone who attends to feel comfortable in returning to church, and it will require embracing the needs of all those who are coming.*

*Many people will have different levels of freedom, so as Paul exhorted the Roman church: "So then we pursue the things which make for peace and the building up of one another" (Romans 14:19).*

*We love and appreciate each of you! Look forward to seeing you on Sunday!*

*Pastor Daniel & Patti Houck*

### **STEPS WE ARE ASKING YOU TO TAKE:**

1. If you have any issues that put you at high risk, we are asking you to please stay home and watch us by way of Facebook Live. We will continue to stream on FB Live!
2. If you have a fever, cough, sore throat, or breathing difficulty, we want you to please stay home and watch the service online.
3. Let's all greet one another with a smile! We want everyone to feel comfortable.
4. We are asking that all families worship together in the sanctuary. Children's Ministry and Nursery areas will be available at a later date.

5. Please do not hesitate to wear a mask as recommended by the CDC if that would make you feel more comfortable.
6. Please consider coming a bit early so that you can become acclimated to some of the changes before we begin at 10:00 AM. In fact, please come and spend some time in prayer before service begins.

### **STEPS WE ARE TAKING:**

1. We have thoroughly cleaned the sanctuary and restrooms and will continue to do so.
2. We have wall-mounted hand sanitizing stations at the entrance, near the restrooms, in the sanctuary and throughout the building.
3. We have blocked off every other pew to allow for appropriate physical distancing.
4. We have measured and marked off areas on remaining pews to allow for appropriate physical distancing from others.
5. At this time, only our main lobby entrance will be open. Upon entering, we ask that everyone find their seat by using the rear entrances of our sanctuary. Those doors will remain open throughout the morning.
6. Some elements of our Worship Service will look different:
  - There will not be a meet and greet time.
  - Offering plates will not be passed. Giving can be accomplished online, text to give and by using one of our secure lock boxes found in the lobby and near the 2 sets of double doors near sanctuary.
  - All items from the backs of the pews have been removed.
  - Bulletins will not be used as we will be relying more on email, Facebook and our website to relay information and promote ministry opportunities.

### **CORPORATE FAST JUNE 4-6**

*I am calling for an all-church fast. In this next season, we want to listen, obey and move as God wants. Corporate fasting brings unity and a strong awareness of our need for dependence upon God. It heightens our hunger for His presence in our midst. I am believing God for great things for Gateway and our region! Fasting together releases unity and clarity of vision in our body to step into everything He has called us for.*

### **TYPES OF FASTS**

**Full Fast** - Drink only liquids. **The Daniel Fast** - Eat no meat, no sweets and no bread. Drink water and juice. Eat fruits & vegetables. **3-Day Fast** - This fast can be a Full Fast, Daniel Fast or give up at least one item of food. **Partial Fast** - A partial fast is from 6:00 am to 3:00 pm or from sun up to sun down. You can select from 3 types of fasting - a Full Fast, Daniel Fast or give up at least one item of food.

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