

Redeemer – Next Phase of Regathering on our Campus

Dear Redeemer Family,

A few weeks ago, I had communicated that our leadership has been prayerfully preparing for the next phase of regathering on our church campus.

I wanted to share with you some **important updates** and **upcoming dates**.

A few Sundays ago, on March 7, 2021, we began Phase 1 of our gathering of kids on Sunday mornings. Children who have signed up for the Phase 1 gathering are currently meeting on Sundays during the 11:15am service. Over the next few phases, we will expand the number of children who will be part of our kid's ministry on campus. We will continue to provide Sunday engagement for our children online as well.

Starting April 11, 2021 (the Sunday after Easter), we will begin Phase 1 of gathering our junior and high school student ministries on Sunday mornings on our church campus. For this first phase, junior and high school students will be meeting together during the 11:15am service. Over the next few phases, we will expand the number of students who will be part of our student ministry on campus. We will provide Sunday engagement for our students on-line as well.

Starting April 11, 2021 (the Sunday after Easter), we will begin the next phase of Sunday worship by gathering indoors for our services. Our indoor services will be similar to what we have been currently doing in our outdoor services. During this phase, seating will be spaced accordingly for safe distancing and masks will be required. Our services will begin with 25% maximum capacity, which is 125 people per service. We will also have an outdoor worship area where people who are not yet comfortable to go inside can gather (TV monitor outside). We will start with **2 service times: 9:45am and 11:15am**. We will kindly ask people to RSVP.

Why indoor worship starting April 11, 2021?

1) Currently, with the continual downward drop of COVID cases and hospitalizations and the hoped-for anticipation that cases will continue to fall over the next few months, we believe April 11 (the Sunday after Easter) is a good starting date for gathering indoors. In the past, we have shared that we would look to schools as a guide for us. In and around our church location, schools have already begun and/or will begin to gather indoors.

2) Safety/Facility Readiness: During this season, we have been preparing our campus for safe gatherings. We have done much-needed improvements, from the new patio, kids building, and lighting (indoor and outdoor). Our HVAC system has been upgraded and is now able to filter and clean the air particles for all our buildings.

3) Having indoor worship allows our Sunday worship experience to expand in-person with our kids and student ministries on campus. Our team is excited to engage kids and students on Sundays on our campus, and we will also provide a way for students to engage on-line each Sunday as well!

4) We have consulted with other churches (in Southern CA and outside of CA), and as our leadership has learned from what they have done, we feel ready to begin this next Phase of regathering starting April 11, 2021. We have been and will continue to go in phases, from online to outdoor and now to indoor services, from gathering on Sundays for our worship services to now expanding our Sunday gatherings for kids and student ministries. We anticipate that there will be some adjusting and tweaking in all aspects of the Sunday experience along the way.

5) We recognize that people are at different places and have different comfort levels with readiness when it comes to regathering in person. As a church, we will continue to provide a live on-line worship experience on Sunday mornings.

What about singing inside the building? Our leadership has prayerfully focused on safety as it relates to loving our neighbor, and this has been our guide in determining what our indoor service would look like at this time. We believe that singing can be done in a safe way with safe distancing while wearing masks, along with our facility having open doors and improved HVAC ventilation measures in place.

Thank you for taking the time to read this update. As a leadership, we are hopeful and encouraged that this next phase of regathering will not only provide a safe environment but allow our Sunday programming to expand and develop, from our little ones all the way to our adults.

If you have any questions about Redeemer's next phase of regathering, feel free to contact us at leadership@redeemersd.org.

As always, we thank you for your prayers and support. While the past 12 months have not been anything like we would have imagined it to be, God has been incredibly faithful and there have been amazing stories of changed lives. With all the disruptions and changes, Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever (Hebrews 13:8). To Him be all glory!

On behalf of the Redeemer leadership,

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