



St. Marks United Methodist Church
3117 Motley Drive
Mesquite, TX 75150

March 16, 2021

Dear St. Marks Family and Friends:

I bring you greetings of peace.

It has been one full year we have not gathered in-person due to the restriction of the pandemic of COVID-19. On March 11, 2021 the Administrative Council met, and after careful assessment of the situation, we have decided to **resume in-person worship starting April 11** providing we continue to religiously observe the CDC guidelines and protocols. This means the wearing of masks, checking temperatures upon entering the building, social distancing, hand washing, regular sanitation of the building before and after use to ensure safety and health of everyone.

Worship procedures will include the following: the worship liturgy will be projected on the screen; there will be stations to drop off your offerings; singers/choir members will be wearing face shields; you have the option to bring your communion elements; pews will be marked to maintain distancing. Online worship through Face Book Live will continue even as we resume the in-person service.

Sunday School classes and all other small group meetings are still pending. We hope to resume small meetings after several weeks depending on the outcome of in-person worship, numbers of cases and/or State Health recommendations.

We will continue to be vigilant. We will firmly keep our faith in Christ, loving and praying for one another, and continue to practice "do no harm" as our faithful witness to Christ and a concrete way of loving and caring for our neighbors.

I am grateful that we have arrived with the decision to re-open and I cannot wait to see you all again face to face. May the blessing and grace of God be upon us all.

Grateful and hopeful,



Rev. Edwin Zarate

Senior Pastor

St. Marks United Methodist Church
