

## Expectations for Hybrid Worship

### Joining Online

- **When should I arrive?** Similarly to how things have operated over the last year, the prelude will start at 10:20 am and worship will begin at 10:30.
- **How do I join?** A **new Zoom link** will be sent out that you can access through the *Immanuel Newsfeeds* emails or the Church website Calendar tab at [www.immanuelevanston.org](http://www.immanuelevanston.org).
- **What will be different?** The sanctuary creates new possibilities for live music and re-introducing other worship elements to the service. While all readers and speakers will be in the sanctuary for now, there will also be leaders worshipping from home and focusing their attention on Zoom.
- **What will be the same?** The flow and format will be very similar, the chat function will still be available, and there will still be leaders worshipping via Zoom and acting as “host.” Those who wish to share in the Eucharist are invited to have Communion elements with them. All those communing both online and in-person will Commune together and a blessing will be provided for those who are choosing to fast at this time. We continue to invite everyone to stay after worship for a time of fellowship, announcements, and celebrations! Provisions will be made for those on Zoom to participate in the coffee hour, but alas, you’ll have to provide your own coffee and snacks.

### Joining In-Person at Church

- **When should I arrive?** Worship will begin at 10:30 am in the sanctuary with organ prelude prior to worship. You do not need to make a reservation or schedule an entry slot.
- **What do I do when I enter?** We ask that everyone who is joining worship in-person **wear a mask upon entering the building**. If you don’t have one or you forgot to bring one, an usher will greet you and be able to provide you with a mask to wear during worship. You can pick up a bulletin upon entering the sanctuary as well as pre-packaged Communion elements and then find a place in the pews. There won’t be any pews roped off, but we do ask that everyone continue to practice safe distancing while in the worship space.
- **What will be different?** We are so excited to be embarking on this journey of Hybrid Church! As we take care to weave together those worshipping online and in-person, things might feel a little different and unfamiliar. You will see tech equipment set up in the sanctuary that will be used to broadcast what is happening in the sanctuary to Zoom. Communion may also feel different. There will be pre-packaged Communion elements that you will be able to pick up when entering the sanctuary. During Communion, everyone will remain in their pews and commune simultaneously.
- **What will be the same?** While there will be much that may feel different, there will also be plenty that will be familiar! We will continue to follow the liturgy and enjoy beautiful organ and piano music. We are also excited to be able to sing hymns with one another. We ask that those worshipping in-person **take special care to ensure proper mask-wearing during those times of singing and speaking in unison**. A time for fellowship, announcements, and celebrations will be held after worship!



**What should I do if I have questions or concerns?** This is a new and exciting time for all of us! We are all learning together and recognize that there may be questions and concerns that you may have. Please reach out to Pastor Mark at [pastor@immanuelevanston.org](mailto:pastor@immanuelevanston.org) or Grace Yarnoff at [president@immanuelevanston.org](mailto:president@immanuelevanston.org) and we will do our best to address your questions. We also look forward to hearing everyone's feedback as we embark on this journey of Hybrid Church! We know that there will be a lot to learn along the way. If the past year has taught us anything, it is that Immanuel is a resilient and vibrant community. We are confident that with the patience and teamwork that Immanuel has exhibited, we will be able to create a joyful and inclusive experience for all!