



COVID-19

Our Church's Response & Responsibility

[UPDATE & REMINDERS]

March 8, 2020, 10:00 a.m.

Dear Sparkers,

As we prepare to worship together today, here are a few reminders and updates as we strive to hold the tension of [not giving up meeting together](#) while also employing [all wisdom](#) that has been [given us](#).

Updates

- **Chairs** will be unlinked and separated to limit close contact with non-family members. If you're able to come early to help setup and sanitize the building, we would appreciate your assistance. Please contact Danielle@Spark.Church to volunteer.
- Please **bring your own personal water bottle**. We will not be setting up our regular water dispenser. Water is available at the sink next to the women's restroom to the right of the receptionist desk.
- If you need to bring **food for your children**, please adhere to the kosher policy of the synagogue (absolutely no pork or shellfish). We highly recommend vegetarian and/or dairy items.
- **Tony**, our barista, has always employed professional hygiene and cleanliness in his work and is therefore planning on being at Spark with his regular coffee, tea, and beverage service.
- We will not be serving **communion** this week. We are planning changes for how we serve communion in the future. Please contact Tom@Spark.Church to volunteer for future weeks.
- We have decided to use **Facebook Live** for our feed. We will continue to consider the best technological solution for this temporary circumstance. The links will be available at www.spark.church/livestream.

Reminders

- Please stay home if you are sick or have been recently exposed to someone who is sick.
- Please consider carefully your options if you are amongst the more vulnerable populations to the virus, (immunosuppressed, older).
- Please make the decisions that will best protect persons with whom you are close to on a regular basis who may be more vulnerable.
- Upon arrival, please wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Always cover your cough or sneeze, away from people, and ideally into a napkin or paper towel that you immediately discard. Afterward, please wash hands with soap and water.
- Greet one another with “jazz hands.” **Please avoid shaking hands or hugs during this time, and do not take offense if someone declines your kind gesture of a physical greeting.**
- The hospitality team will be serving pre-packaged single serving items. Please use hand sanitizer before helping yourself to the hospitality table.

Community Care

For many years, we have watched the poor and marginalized suffer. We recognize the privilege many of us have here at Spark, and the Rescue Team is reaching out to our local partners to see how we can support them in this season. We will continue to live out our values, inspiring ourselves and others to live the Way of Jesus, bringing the hope and joy found in Christ.

If you or someone you love is immunocompromised or vulnerable, please let us know how we can provide support during this season (perhaps grocery runs or errands). Please send prayer requests to Prayer@Spark.Church, and Spark pastors are also available for online meetings or pastoral care (www.spark.church/about).

We are looking forward to worshipping together, sharing in our hope in Christ, and continuing to love one another and the world amongst us.

Be strong, and strengthen each other.

With all love in Christ,
Danielle & Kevin