



1st Unitarian CHURCH OF ORLANDO

Dear Beloveds,

We want to share with you the changes to our church's policy on gatherings that have been triggered by our local COVID conditions. The COVID Reopening Task Force continues to monitor these conditions weekly and has provided a thorough, color-coded Reopening Policy Framework that will help us know when and how we can return to meeting together with safety in mind for all members of our beloved community. This Framework was just approved by the Board. You can see the results of their hard work on our website by clicking through [to this link](#). As conditions improve, the Framework outlines when and how we can return to some of the practices that we began to enjoy earlier in the summer.

Unfortunately, we need to announce that current conditions in central Florida place us under Code Red. For now, we are back to the practices that we had in place in the early days of this long, challenging time of the pandemic. This means we are canceling all indoor gatherings, requiring masks when interacting with staff indoors and optional but recommending masks when interacting with others or in small group outdoor settings, especially, if vaccination status is unknown. A physical distance of 6 feet between individuals or families is also required under Code Red conditions. Each Weekly Update will include a post with the current color conditions and as they improve, associated protocols as outlined in the Framework and that will allow us to safely gather in person again.

However, we won't let this deter us from safely holding some of our very treasured traditions like our annual water service. We are happy to announce like last year we invite all to come to campus on Saturday August 28th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM with your water to celebrate and welcome a new fall season at 1U. As individuals, couples, and families, we will take turns adding water symbolizing events of this past year to the communal vessel while Max captures on video to be shared in the Welcome Home Worship Service on September 12th.

These have certainly been challenging times and yet, as a faith community, we continue to meet the rough times with grace in all the ways that we take care of each other during this pandemic. Hopefully, the conditions will improve, and we will be able to be in person again very soon. In the meantime, may we have what we need to navigate what's ahead. And may we continue to show up for one another. May we be so blessed.

With Grace and Loving Kindness,

Rev Margalie
Minister

Yours in service,

Joan Nelson
Board President