

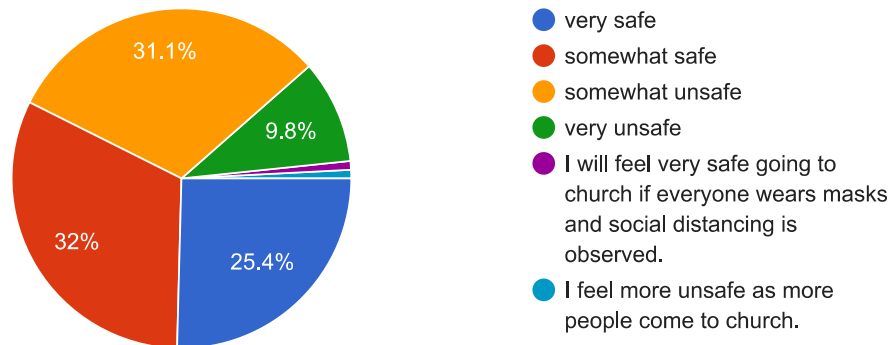
REOPENING SURVEY RESULTS & UPDATES

Thank you to our Grace members for a great response to our Reopening Survey. We received 122 responses! Wow! Our taskforce continues to meet every week, reviewing updated materials from our synod and other church bodies (such as the Catholic Diocese), our insurance carrier, and the CDC. We have begun outlining guidelines for returning to in-person worship as well as for small groups to meet in-person. When these are complete and reviewed by the council, they will be posted on our website and sent to you via the Grace News.

Here are some of our survey response results:

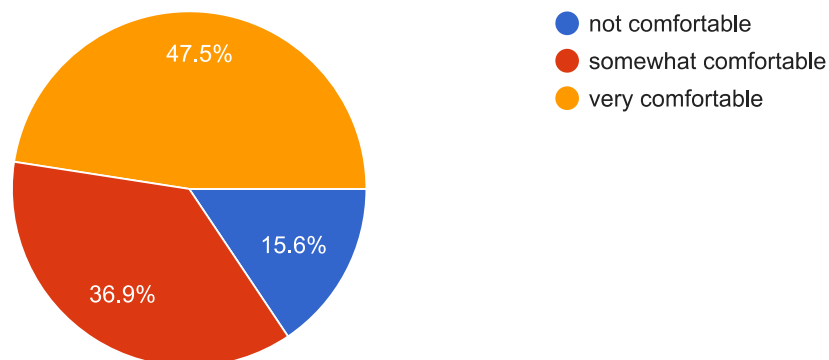
How safe do you feel coming to church at this time?

122 responses



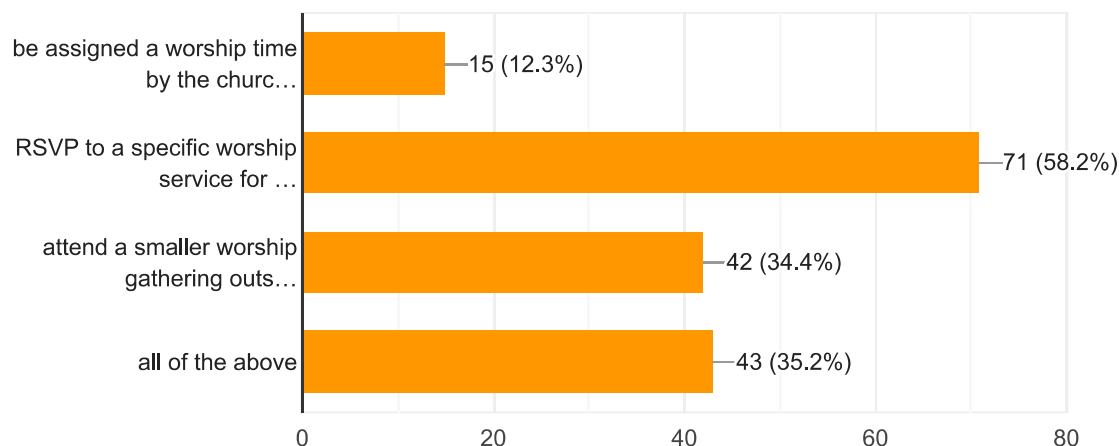
How comfortable would you be with gathering in a small group (less than 25 people), such as Book Club, Women's Group, Bible Study, etc., using a larger space such as the Social Hall?

122 responses



In order to reduce the number of worshipers at one service, we may add worship opportunities, such as several services on Sunday morning. Would you be willing to (choose all that apply):

122 responses



In terms of the two questions about whether folks would attend in-person for worship/small groups or whether they would continue to join via live stream or zoom: 48.4% said a combination of both for *worship*, the largest percentage in the category; 37.7% said a combination of both for *small groups*, the largest percentage in the category.

In addition, the survey short-answer results indicated that some of our members will not be returning to in person worship until there is a vaccine for COVID-19.

At this point our group can share a few decisions with you.

We have arrived at these protocols out of concern for the most vulnerable among us, your survey results, and the recommendations of the sources listed above.

- For groups and worship, everyone will be required to wear a mask covering the nose and mouth, except for children under 2.
- For groups and worship, everyone will be required to practice physical (social) distancing of 6 feet.
- Worship in-person will not include congregational singing, and will encourage speaking in soft tones or mouthing responses only. *Singing and even loud speaking is a “super-spreading” activity for aerosolized particles.*
- We will begin welcoming small groups to meet in-person before we open worship to in-person gatherings.
- Even though our worship life will look different in this new time, our worship staff will strive for meaningful, creative, and fulfilling worship for all who attend *and* for all who continue to worship via live stream.
- When we return to in-person worship, there will be a service offered on Saturday evening at 6:00p.m. (Whether that service can be safely held in the chapel is still being decided.)

- Protocols for the distribution of Holy Communion in person have been offered through our bishop's office and other church bodies. We are reviewing these and plan to offer Holy Communion in a *variety of settings* so that our members are comfortable, have choices for their own safety, and can receive the sacrament regularly.

More information will be forthcoming, and our taskforce continues to work diligently on preparations for everyone's safety. Check your Grace News, the website, and our live stream worship announcements for up-to-date information. **Keep our taskforce and their work in your prayers**—Rick Keen, Michelle Knight, Nancy Whitcomb, Sue Gasswint, Carolyn Houck, and Pastor Cover.