

July 27, 2020

Greetings, Dear Ones, of the Evangelical Free Church of Oroville,

What a great time we had on Sunday! For the first time in our church's history we had a combined outdoor/drive-in church service. It was such a blessing to see so many of you there. And we look forward to seeing even more of you this Sunday, August 2. We will continue with an outdoor service and reserve space in our parking lot for those who want to participate in the drive-in service. This week, there is a sense of excitement in the air because we also celebrate communion together as a family of gathered believers.

As we did this past week, many of us will arrive early to set up pop-up tents to use as we gather and worship our Lord. There is plenty of shade available and so please make plans to join us in this outdoor/drive-in service as we celebrate communion. To provide an extra measure of protection, we will use pre-filled communion cups that contain both the juice and the wafer. They have separate seals so you will need to be careful as you open them.

Since we will be meeting outside, we will not be requiring masks, though you may still want to exercise some caution with social distancing. But look for creative ways to make this a special moment with friends and family. Bring your favorite lawn chair to sit on, a bottle of water, and anything else that you might need for this outdoor service. Plenty of chairs will be available if you do not have your own and there is plenty of space for all of us to be there. For everyone's convenience, the bathrooms in the main building will be available.

The weather recently at 9am has been quite pleasant, so that will not be a hindrance for us to gather and sing loudly the praises of our God. And there will be lots of singing this Sunday!!! For those who wish to come, but maybe not just yet join the larger group, please come in your car and follow the service on your car radio. At least in that way we will still be able to see each other and share greetings with one another. It is important for us to be together physically and celebrate our unity in Christ.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the church office. But commit yourself to being with us this Sunday. Let's proclaim the Gospel to our community in a joyful and enjoyable environment. We will attempt to live stream the service as well, but it will be recorded, and so if the live stream doesn't work, the service will be uploaded to YouTube and Facebook afterward. Join us online if you can't join us in-person or in your car.

Let's pray for a wonderful and blessed service. Enjoy this day in his wonderful grace, and I look forward to seeing you all this Sunday morning at 9 a.m.

Peace,

Pr. Gregg