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Guidelines for Masks

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Friends, like you I heard the good news about the new CDC recommendations for fully vaccinated people and their need to wear masks. It is another sign that we are coming out of the long tunnel of pandemic life.

I actually learned the news while having lunch with our District Superintendent Debra Brady. We talked about what that means for our protocols. At this time, our protocol has NOT changed. We follow the state guidelines for the tier which we are currently in. State health officials have said that current masking guidelines will remain the same until June 15th, a date previously announced for opening restrictions.

WE WILL CONTINUE TO WEAR MASKS DURING WORSHIP. However, based on recently updated state guidelines, fully vaccinated worship leaders do not need to wear a mask while in the chancel area, so I will be able to speak to you maskless.

While this news is certainly celebrated, there are a couple of words of caution. This applies to fully vaccinated people only. We have members and worship attendees who are not fully vaccinated yet, and we want to support them. Also, the number of new cases in Tulare County increased this week. The number was very small, but it is the first time in months that it actually went up. We may be near the edge, but we are not out of the woods altogether.

Thank you for your respect, support and continued vigilance.
Pastor Allison