

Hello!

As you may aware, based on the results of a survey of the community, *the connection* we will not be fully returning to in-person gatherings in September.

There will continue to be a weekly online liturgy with a movement towards pre-recorded video liturgies. (Not a live-stream)

I am going to work to tailor the liturgies for small group discussion and my hope is that people will find ways to gather in smaller groups around the liturgy. The liturgies will include a children's moment with Beverly that will be based on the weekly children's curriculum that will be sent to households with children up to grade six.

**Beginning September 20, I will be hosting an open small group at 6 pm on Sunday evenings at the church.** It is an 'open small group' in the sense that it will be open to anyone who wishes to come. **It will be same content as the online liturgy except that the teaching portion and maybe some of the music will be live.** There will not be any children's programming offered, but if children come to the small group gathering, Beverly's children's moment will be played and the week's curriculum will be made available, to them should they wish to work through it. Also, if there is interest, we will offer M.U.S.E. to youth grades 7 -12 every other week.

Following the teaching portion of the liturgy there will be opportunity for community conversation using the same discussion questions that will be included with the online liturgy. My hope is that the gathering will run no later than 7:10 pm.

In November we will revisit fully returning to *the connection* community gatherings.

If you have any question or concerns feel free to drop me a note at [heypriest@gmail.com](mailto:heypriest@gmail.com)

Best wishes to you...

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