



June 6, 2020

Dear Shoreline Family,

I stand with you in utter shock and broken heartedness in what is happening in our world. After months of isolation through sheltering in place and fear of a global pandemic, we have watched our nation erupt. Unthinkable acts of violence have broken out against individuals and entire communities. As we watch what is happening, it is easy to feel powerless. In times like this we need to turn to the only One who can heal, restore, reconcile, and save. His name is Jesus. Please join me in praying for every family that has suffered loss, for healing in our land, for safety in our cities, and for each of us to pray, love, and serve in ways that reflect the presence of the Savior.

In times like this, God's people need to be together more than ever. We need each other. We are made for community. With that in mind, I am excited to let you know that we are taking our first step back toward gathering for worship on our church campus. On Sunday, June 14 we will hold two outdoor worship services in our beautiful courtyard. They will be at 9:30 and 11:30 am.

Of course, we will be following the guidelines given by our state and county leaders. For a full list of these, please [click here](#) and review them so you are ready to gather and join us. The most important thing you should know is that you will need to go online and register for the service so we can save you the appropriate number of seats. We want to be ready to greet you, seat you, and join with you in worship of the King of kings and Lord of lords!

We know there will be people who are not ready to come to worship on campus or who really love the online experience (or who live in other parts of California, the county, and the world). You can rest assured that we will still have three excellent and Spirit-filled services online at 8:30, 10:00, and 11:30. I will be starting a new four-week series called, *The Book*. Know that you are warmly invited to join us for worship online.

Others of you are ready and excited to worship on campus. I will be preaching the same message on The Book live at both services. Also, our worship team will be ready to lead you into the presence of our Savior.

As one of your pastors, I want to ask each of you to respect the decision of others. If you feel great about worshipping at home online...great! No one is going to give you a hard time. If you are ready to gather with others on campus...wonderful. No one is going to pressure you to stay home. We will trust each person to make a wise decision as to the best way for them to worship.

I want all of those who are considering coming for one of the on campus services to know that we are working very hard to prepare for the best services possible. Since we are meeting outside, we will not be providing any chairs. We will have a spot reserved for you, but you need to bring your own chair or a blanket on which to sit. Bring a coat and sunscreen (and a wide brim hat)...we are in Monterey... we could have fog and sun in the same hour! Bring your own donut, fresh fruit, and drink since we will not be serving hospitality for the first few weeks. Bring a face covering for when you enter and exit the worship space. Also, bring a phone or tablet since our bulletin and song lyrics will all be on the Shoreline App (we won't hand out any paper). If you have an offering, it can be placed in boxes at all entrances...we will not be passing offering plates. Most of all, bring a heart filled with passion to worship the Living God and celebrate His goodness in the fellowship of His people.

I look forward to seeing all of you, either online or on campus. I believe God is going to show up in power and grow our hearts as we worship Him.

If you are coming to one of the on campus services, please register right away because there are limited seats for each service.

With you as we follow Jesus and become more like Him,

Pastor Kevin